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From the Director's Desk

Summer passed quickly this year but yielded many new things for our department. I was on Sabbatical leave shifting my research focus to test environment alteration and anxiety by going through therapy dog handler training with my Brittany Spaniel Ravin. I hope her presence in our department and our research will help our students learn more about themselves and what they need to be successful. Our school hosted our first Health Careers Camp with WNY R-AHEC where 44 high school students came to explore healthcare careers, gain hands-on experience guided by faculty, and learn more about the educational pathways available to them here at SBU. We continued with recruitment efforts with open houses, the MEP students had clinical rotations in various specialties as they prepare for their last semester of study, and undergraduate nursing students took summer classes to get ahead or catch up. Time was taken to coordinate a warm welcome for our new and returning Dual Degree students who come back earlier than other SBU students with a week filled with faculty-led sessions to give them the tools to be successful.

Faculty Feature

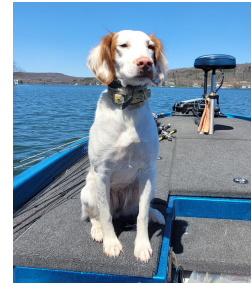
Dr. Lundeen

The nursing department supported Dr. Erin Lundeen in attending her first Anatomage conference this past July in Santa Clara, CA. The 2-day conference was full of interactive workshops providing Dr. Lundeen with instruction on how to integrate the tables into nursing curriculum, and the opportunity to network with Anatomage staff and college professors from around the country. On Thursday August 27th Dr. Lundeen introduced freshman Dual Degree nursing students to the Anatomage tables. The interactive lesson included a scavenger hunt, a birthing simulation, and how to create a quiz as a study tool. Dr. Lundeen encourages all nursing students to take advantage of this technology to support their learning journey. As the simulation coordinator for the nursing department, Dr. Lundeen is excited to integrate the Anatomage tables into many of the courses taught throughout the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs.



Dr. Perkins

During her sabbatical, Dr. Perkins has been expanding her research focus to include testing anxiety and exploring ways to support students in managing stress. As part of this work, she completed therapy dog training and certification with her Brittany Spaniel, Ravin. Ravin and Dr. Perkins will now serve as the Olean team for ROC Dog, bringing therapy-dog support to the campus community.



NSNA News



The SBU National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) is excited to announce the launch of their official Instagram page! Follow @sbu.nsna for updates on NSNA meetings, events, service opportunities, fundraisers, and other activities throughout the academic year.



https://www.instagram.com/sbu.nsna?igsi=MXI0MWp4MG9kODFzNA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Clinical Corner

MEP students recently spent 44 hours immersed in the ICU, ER, and Maternity units at Robert Packer Hospital, gaining invaluable hands-on experience during a critical care rotation with Dr. Erin Lundeen.



Bona Nurse in Action

Nurse of Distinction at OGH

Rachal Lundy, RN current RN-BS student, was nominated for nurse of distinction at OGH's nurses week reception.



Careers in Care Scholarships

Congratulations to Emily Myers, Matt Tyssee, and Kristan Moshier, recipients of the Careers in Care Scholarship!

The Careers in Care Scholarship supports nursing students in pursuing their degrees while encouraging graduates to remain in and serve their local communities. Emily shared that the scholarship has provided meaningful financial support while also reminding her that others are invested in the next generation of nurses. She is grateful for the opportunity and looks forward to giving back to the community after graduation.

Interested in learning more about the Careers in Care Scholarship? Please reach out to the Nursing Department for additional information about eligibility and application opportunities for this and other scholarships.

Scan the QR code below to apply!



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Congratulations on your nursing positions!

Ellie Park, RN - Pediatric and Adolescent urgent care WNY

Payton Fortuna, RN- F.F. Thompson Health Canandaigua Observation Unit

Kylie Sikorski, RN - Mercy Hospital Buffalo - Catholic Health

Faith Miller, RN - Professional Staff Nurse Medsurg/ER

Briar Loper, RN - Neuro/Ortho Medsurg Nurse, Arnot Ogden Medical Center

Grace Derr, BS, RN - Orthopedic Trauma Burn unit, Texas Health Resources

Program Outcomes

We are proud to share the progress and accomplishments of our nursing faculty.

Teaching: 90% of nursing faculty will be a 3.8 or higher for overall course evaluation scores as reported on the annual faculty evaluation form. Met.

Scholarship: 90% of nursing faculty will score a combined 140 points or higher for teaching, scholarship, and service on the annual faculty evaluation form. Met. Average score for full-time faculty was 251.

Faculty Quality: 90% of faculty will maintain nursing practice hours, certifications, and/or licensure as reported on the annual faculty evaluation form. Met.

Service: 100% of nursing faculty will attend all faculty meetings or provide evidence of reading the meeting minutes. Met.

The Alumni Stethoscope

Preceptor of the Year Award

Cheryl Wintermantel, BS, RN '23 pictured with her husband and Dr. Perkins was the first preceptor of the year presented during nurses week at her place of work: Allegany-Limestone School District



Jenny Salerno, BS, RN '23

Jenny Salerno, BS, RN '23 was nominated for nurse of distinction in education (along with Dr. Soltysik) at OGH's nurses week reception.



Grace Derr, BS, RN '26 & Nate Vos, BS, RN '26



Grace Derr, BS, RN '26 and Nate Vos, BS, RN '26 completed the residency program and presented their evidence based project under Dr. Soltysik's guidance at OGH.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Event Title	Event Date	Information
Dual Degree Students Move-in	August 23, 2026	Our new Dual Degree students start to arrive on campus engaging in a weeks worthof getting to know their peers and new professors.
SBU Fall Convocation	August 26, 2026	All SBU faculty and staff get together to get ready for the fall semester and all the exciting things to come.
First Day of Class at SBU	August 31, 2026	All SBU students will return to campus for the start of the fall 2026 semester.
Fall Break	October 12-13, 2026	A break to provide students with a short pause from classes to rest, recharge, and prepare for the remainder of the academic year.
MEP Poster Presentation	November 16, 2026	Master's Entry to Practice Nursing students will present their quality improvement project posters.
Thanksgiving Break	November 25-28, 2026	Students will get a break from classes for the holiday.
MEP Scope Ceremony	December 11, 2026	We celebrate the accomplishment of our graduating MEP students with their families.