From the President

It seems like the past academic year just began but here we are already into Summer semester!

This summer we have 323 students enrolled with 45 of those students scheduled to complete their degree requirements in August. Students in N445 Internship are already working with their preceptors on their assigned units providing patient care and continually improving their knowledge and skills. It is certainly a busy and very exciting semester.

Students from the Health policy class recently returned from an excellent travel learning opportunity in Washington DC. Please make sure you read the article about this most exciting experience in this issue of the newsletter.

In July a group of students will be studying Transcultural Nursing while providing care to the Lakota Indians at the Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota. The travel courses are wonderful opportunities for you to

Spring Semester President’s and Dean’s List Announced

President’s List

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Methodist College in the news

June Chamber Report
Methodist College was featured on the cover and our internship program was highlighted.

Summer Issue of the Peorian
Dr. Johnston was interviewed and Simulation Learning was profiled.

June 9th Peoria Journal Star
Our reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission was highlighted.

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learn experientially i.e. “learning while doing.” I strongly urge you to take a travel course during your educational experience here at Methodist College.

While I’m sure you are very busy with classes and clinicals I hope you take some time to enjoy the beautiful weather and fun activities summertime brings us.

Best wishes for a very successful summer semester!

-Dr. Kimberly Johnston, President

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**Dean’s List**

- Kelly Blecha
- Priscilla Gutierrez
- Courtney Mallaney
- Kamini Srenevasan
- Lindsey Whalen
- Diane Buchanan
- Kari Hoffman
- Jillian Murphy
- Maggie Camden
- Brett Keith
- Kasey Russell

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**Enrollment Management Welcomes New Staff Member**

Greetings! My name is Alissa Selburg and I am the new Student Life Coordinator for Methodist College. I oversee the residence hall and student activities for the College.

I am originally from Pekin, IL, just outside of Peoria. I have a B.S. in Advertising from Bradley University and an M.S. from Illinois State University (ISU) in Higher Education Administration. I worked as a graduate assistant in Student Programming for two years, and for the past three years I was a Residence Hall Coordinator for Watterson Towers at ISU.

I enjoy movies, baking, the beach, and anything zombie-related. I especially enjoy spending time with my husband and 1-year-old daughter.

After working at ISU for five years, I am so excited to be back at a smaller college environment! I can’t wait to share my experience and ideas with the Methodist College community.

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**Spring Finals Bash sponsored by SGA**
Scholarship and Research Day Draws Participation From 130 Students

Event Winners Are:

For N345, Pre-Licensure Program
Winning poster=How Clean Is Your Room? Analyzing the Effectiveness of Hospital Disinfection Methods
Presenters=Deidra Klaus, Shelly Owens, Holli Winckler, Tyler Ropp, Donna Czulno

For N345, Second Degree
Winning Poster=Communication with Mechanically Ventilated Patients
Presenter=Emily Westlake

For N445, Pre-Licensure
Winning Poster=Fall Prevention
Presenters=Silkie Williams, Katie Joslin, Danielle Halcumb, Katy Bjerrin-Jensen

For Student Choice Award
Winning Poster #1=There is No “I” in Team
Presenters=Kari Breckenridge, Alisha Lawson, Emily Coers, Bre Grafing, Candace Wheat

Winning Poster #2=Early Start for a Healthy Heart
Presenters=Breann Masters, Erin Calmer, Kristina Eddy, Michelle Crivokapich, Jacob Harder

Career Opportunities at Methodist

This Thursday (June 13) at 6 p.m. in room 103, we will be hosting a seminar from Dr. Bipin Thomas with icuro (means intelligent care), a mid-west organization formed by a team of physicians and technologists delivering services for clinical research and clinical trials. He will share the future of healthcare industry and new career opportunities in the field of clinical research and clinical trials for graduates from Methodist College. He will also provide you with a pathway to prepare for these new and exciting job opportunities in this space. You will also be able to meet and exchange ideas with local physicians such as Dr. Sachdev Thomas and other clinical research professionals who are already working in this field. Dr. Sachdev Thomas is a Principal Investigator of Illinois Oncology Research Association Community Clinical Oncology Program (IORA CCOP), Physician with Illinois CancerCare, and Chairman of the Cancer Coordinating Committee at Unity Point Health-Methodist.

Food and drinks will be provided. Please join us as this presentation could lead to a potential job or career path.

Please contact Jessica Dillon (jdillon@methodistcol.edu) for more information.

A Big Thank you!

SGA would like to thank everyone who donated to the Trewyn Trolley. The event was a huge success and the students are Trewyn School benefited from your support.
Washington D.C. Travel Course

The N431 Health Policy and Professional Leadership Travel Section journeyed to Washington D.C. to learn about health policy. The group was in Washington DC from May 15-May 19. 39 students and four faculty (N. Sullivan, V. Ragon, J. Mattingly and K.Bloompot) visited a number of Health Policy and Nursing Leadership organizations, legislators and even had time to take in some of sights, including a tour of Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museums, the Native American Museum and a nighttime tour of the monuments.

The week started out with a visit to the office of Senator Dick Durbin to meet with his health policy staff person, Srinu Sonti. From there we meet with our area Congresswoman Cheri Bustos on the steps of the Capitol.

Our next day was a very busy one. We had morning meetings scheduled in the Cannon building. The Cannon building is one of the House Office buildings. We first met with Dave Mason, who represents the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and then with April Canter, Associate Director of the American Nurses Association. Following that Congressman Aaron Shock met with the group and provided a personal tour of the Cannon Bldg. and then took us through a tunnel to the Capitol and up to the Speakers' Balcony. That was a real treat!

In the afternoon of busy day two we met with Lt. Col. Bill Reynolds, an Air Force nurse assigned to the Pentagon. We were lucky to have this meeting arranged by Karen Strode, one of our students on the trip as Lt. Col. Reynolds is her cousin! Another Air Force nurse also joined in the meeting held in the Capital's Visitor Center. By the time the two Air Force nurses finished their presentations there were quite a few students interested in knowing more about a career as an Air Force Nurse!

The next day we met with a panel of staff from the Institute of Medicine, including Jim Jensen the Executive Director of the Office of Congressional and Government Affairs, Cathy Liverman, Study Director for the Standing Committee on Credentialing Research in Nursing, Patricia Cuff, Sr. Program Officer for the Global Forum on Innovation in Health professional Education and Katherine Bothner, Associate Program Officer for the IOM. Following this meeting the group had their final formal meeting with Lauren Inouye RN, Government Affairs Manager for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

We scheduled lots of time to see the sights so most of Saturday and Sunday students were free to go to museums of their choice, including the Holocaust Museum, the Vietnam Memorial the Vietnam Women’s Monument, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Martin Luther King Memorial and so much more.

Save the Date

SGA is sponsoring the first ever Methodist College 5K Walk/Run, 10K Run to raise money for student scholarships. The EDGE run (Everyone Deserves Great Education) will be on Sunday Nov. 3rd starting and ending right here at the college. More details will be available soon, but registration is open now at www.methodistCOL.edu.