



# ONTRACK

BON SECOURS MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF NURSING

## NEW FACES, NEW PLACES

### WELCOME DR. SORBELLO

We are pleased to have Dr. Barbara Sorbello join our College as Dean of Nursing. She comes to us from St. Francis Medical Center and has held a variety of management nursing positions that span more than 30 years. Dr. Sorbello earned her doctorate in nursing from Florida Atlantic University. She is board certified as a Medical-Surgical Nurse, as well as a Nurse Executive, Advanced from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

### MEET THE DEANS AT BSMCON

Learn more about your leadership; flip inside to the special "Meet the Deans" section for a who's who at the College.

### STAFF HIGHLIGHT ON...



Susan Mahieu-Phillips  
 Health & Wellness  
 Coordinator

### Susan Mahieu-Phillips

Susan Mahieu-Phillips is our new Health and Wellness Coordinator. In this new position, Susan is responsible for student clinical compliance. Additionally, she will facilitate and provide support and guidance in the areas of health and wellness to administration, faculty and students. She will be working in tandem with Bon Secours' wellness program as she looks to positively impact those areas here at the college.

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Future home for Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing and School of Medical Imaging.

### RENOVATING THE WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL

Bon Secours Richmond recently announced plans for the Westhampton School property at 5800 Patterson Avenue. The property will be used by Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing and the St. Mary's School of Medical Imaging. The building will be renovated and all attempts will be made to keep as much of the original structure as possible.

The Westhampton School is a historic building that was built in 1917 and served as an elementary school and a high school. Annexed by the City of Richmond in 1942, the Westhampton School became a part of the city of Richmond school system. From 1990 to 2009, the facility was home to Richmond Community High School. The property has been vacant since 2009.

Bon Secours Virginia Health System CEO, Peter J. Bernard, estimates the completion will take up to 36 months. He commented that, "our intent is to continue to engage the community as we move forward with planning and construction. We consider the property an extension of the St. Mary's Hospital campus and the community a part of our Bon Secours family. We want them engaged."

# MEET THE DEANS AT THE COLLEGE OF NURSING



**Melanie Green**  
Vice President & Provost

Dr. Green provides overall strategic vision and operational leadership, ensuring that the College continues to serve its students with academic programs of the highest quality and effectiveness, as well as the scholarly activities of the faculty. Additionally, she is our College's public voice in local, state, regional and national arenas of nursing, health care and health policy.



**Chris-Tenna Perkins**  
Associate Dean  
of Nursing

Dr. Perkins collaborates with Dr. Sorbello on a variety of initiatives that include orientation programs for new and adjunct faculty, nursing curriculum, education requirements, program accreditation and compliance. She also serves as a liaison with nursing leadership of clinical sites and monitors the efficacy of the sites in relationship to the curriculum.



**Barbara Sorbello**  
Dean of Nursing

Dr. Sorbello oversees the leadership and management of our nursing programs, working to maintain and improve the curriculum and quality of instruction. The Dean of Nursing also oversees the academic grading scale, academic policies, academic grievances, course booklist and course scheduling.

From day to day College operations to fiscal and business affairs that include accreditation, Dr. Welch's overarching goal is to provide a safe, effective environment for student learning. She serves as a resource for tuition and fees inquiries, as well as maintains our information systems and technology such as Blackboard, SONIS and college software.



**Regina Welch**  
Dean of Finance  
& Administration



**Leslie Winston**  
Dean of Student  
Services

As the Dean of Student Services, Ms. Winston provides oversight for support services and resources for student success; this includes the areas of Admissions/Marketing, Financial Aid, Registrar, Student Success/Career Services, and College Health and Wellness.

Students with questions regarding these areas: academic support, career counseling, disability services, student conduct issues, non-academic grievances, graduation, student organizations, and student welfare fall under her responsibility.

## ONLINE COMMUNITY: RN-BSN Program

There's a place where RN's can advance their career by completing their BSN degree and it's all online. Our RN-BSN program is designed for the working professional who is currently a registered nurse. Tiffany Powers, an RN at St. Mary's Hospital, is currently enrolled. As a Bon Secours employee, she received tuition deferment and a tuition discount. "I'm a student and a mom; this program allows me to work toward my degree, at my own pace."



Tiffany Powers, RN

Fast facts:

- Complete your degree in as few as 3 semesters; PT or FT schedules
- 100 percent online—study from anywhere, anytime
- Access to faculty through email, online office hours and video chat
- Need more info? [bsmcon.edu/rn-bsn](http://bsmcon.edu/rn-bsn)

## NEW TO THE BSMCON FAMILY



Not Pictured  
Nancy Akula, Simulation Instructor  
Louisa Johnson, Faculty  
Samuel Lewis, Certification Instructor  
Wendi Liverman, Faculty

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## STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Susan's a great fit for us; she has a background in nursing and has been with Bon Secours since 1995. She received her BSN from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Mich. and her master's degree in nursing administration from Arizona State University. She's also a registered yoga instructor.

If she looks familiar, Susan was in the movie Hannibal the Cannibal as an extra! Her office is in the Financial Aid area; please stop by. She looks forward to helping you on your path to wellness.

## WHO TO ASK

Whether it's a scholarship, career counseling, grades or vending machine woes – we'll point you in the right direction!

### Course Concerns

Your course instructor

Associate Dean of Nursing  
Chrissie Perkins

Dean of Nursing  
Barbara Sorbello

### Tech Support & Facilities

Dean of Finance & Administration  
Regina Welch

### Academic Support

Director of Student Success  
Ashley Racine

Dean of Student Services  
Leslie Winston



### Financial Concerns

Billing  
Bursar, Business Services  
Jan Malone

Financial Aid  
Director of Financial Aid  
Crystal Filer-Ogden

Dean of Student Services  
Leslie Winston

Tuition & Fees  
Dean of Finance & Administration  
Regina Welch

“I view nursing and health care professions as more than careers. I see them as vocations, a call to serve and minister. It is my desire that graduates of our programs will grow in their understanding of the importance of service and will treat all with dignity, respect and compassion.”

– Dr. Melanie Green

## NEW PLACES — TRANSITIONING TO HOSPITAL LIFE FROM COLLEGE LIFE



It was a memorable evening on December 19, 2013 as 25 students became graduates when they ceremoniously moved their tassels from the right side of their mortar boards to the left signifying a milestone in their careers.

As the second BSN graduating class from the College, these students were excited to join the ranks of nursing professionals. Brittany Jones and Priya Sharma were among them. We decided to catch up with these two graduates to see how life as nurses has been going as they begin their careers.

**BSMCON:** Brittany and Priya, where are you both working? Is nursing what you thought it would be like?

**Brittany:** I'm working as a nurse in the mother-infant unit at St. Francis and I love every second; this area of nursing is my passion and where I am called to serve.

**Priya:** I'm also working at St. Francis, in medical-surgery. There's so much critical thinking and diligence in each day. It's hard work, but rewarding.

**BSMCON:** How did attending our college prepare you?

**Brittany:** For me it was the clinical hours; it has enabled me to feel comfortable and competent on the job.

**Priya:** I agree. I feel we have one of the more challenging BSN programs, but nursing school was not supposed to be easy.

**BSMCON:** What advice would you give to current students who are attending?

**Brittany:** Jump at every opportunity to experience anything and everything and ask questions. Also embrace your classmates – we helped each other study, laughed, cried, and gave lots of hugs. You all are in the same boat, weathering the same storms.

**Priya:** Work together with your peers and if you are struggling in a course ask for help. Our class really cared about our academic success, and it showed often – but we also celebrated personal achievements. The best moments of my nursing career surround my graduating class.



### FAFSA HELP HERE!

The Office of Financial Aid will be holding more “Dollar Days” sessions in April to help students complete the necessary paperwork to receive financial aid.

#### Upcoming Dates

April 23-24	10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
April 26	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
April 28-30	10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

### STAY CONNECTED — FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!



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@BSMCON (twitter.com/BSMCON)

#### Social Shout-outs!

- Stephanie Kohlrabi: “Congrats (to Laura Vasel)! One of my fave instructors during my time there.”
- Sean Clatterbuck: “That’s one good looking class of BSN grads.”
- “@\_KaitlynJohnson I love my school! @BSMCON ❤️”