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# *Christ College Quarterly*

The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences Newsletter



*Honoring our Past President*

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## Cover Story

### Gail Kist-Kline

The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences' president, Gail Kist-Kline, Ph.D., concluded her professional education career after 40 years of service on December 31st. For the last six years, Gail has led TCCNHS through a period of challenges and continued growth.

Among these successes are the addition of programs including the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Medical Assisting Clinical Certificate programs. Under her leadership, the college has implemented a new Career Pathways Program, allowing students to earn pay and experience at the Christ Hospital alongside their studies. She has built solid relationships with The Christ Hospital Health Network, creating a pipeline for talent to give our students the best educational and career opportunities. She has proven financial sustainability and growth by securing grants to support student scholarships, such as the Choose Ohio First Grant through the Ohio Department of Education. A new building, The Christ College Commons, was opened to support student learning in the health sciences, and the main campus's Den and Study underwent facelifts. She navigated a global pandemic, managed the shift to online learning, and celebrated Quality Matters Certification for many of our online courses. She has created Board policy process, implemented new curriculum to create faster pathways to degrees, and has developed high potential leaders to assure stability and growth well into the future. Named several times to the TOP 300 list of influential leaders in Cincinnati, Dr. Kist-Kline has earned her retirement!

The Christ Hospital Health Network and The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences wish Dr. Gail Kist-Kline well. Her student-centered leadership will continue to be the foundation for growth leading into the College's 121st year and beyond.

## *Welcome our Interim President*

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*Brad Jackson, Ed.D. received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Liberty University and his Ed.D. from Abilene Christian University. He was hired in 2008 as the first ever admissions representative of The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences (TCCNHS). Over the last 15 years, Brad has played key roles in the college's growth having been promoted to Director of Admissions, followed by Associate Dean of Enrollment Services, Dean of Enrollment Management, and Vice President of Strategy and Business Affairs.*

*In addition to overseeing enrollment growth of nearly 200%, he has played integral roles in the success of several strategic plans, degree program launches, financial sustainability, fundraising, and the rebranding of the college. Brad is a graduate of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce's C-Change (Class 18) and The Christ Hospital's Lead Forward leadership development programs.*

*Brad, Joy, and their five children Selah (13), Graham (8), Stone (8), Boaz (6), and Jude (4), reside in Anderson Township. In his free time, Brad serves as an elder at The Oaks Church, in Silverton, Ohio, is a two-time finisher of the Flying Pig Marathon, and hopes to cycle across the United States over the next decade.*

## *Welcome our New Board Chair*

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*James S. Wendel, M.D. received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Notre Dame and his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He completed his residency in Ob-Gyn at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center serving as Chief Resident in his last year of residency. He is board certified by the American College of ObGyn.*

*Dr. Wendel joined Mt. Auburn Ob-Gyn Assoc., Inc. in 1986 and is currently the managing partner for the group. He has served as President of The Christ Hospital Medical Staff, is a past member of The Christ Hospital Board of Trustees and served as President of the Organization of the Physicians & Surgeons Assurance Company, and as a board member of the ExCel Insurance Company Ltd. Until November of 2013, he held the position of President of The Christ Hospital Clinically Integrated Network comprised of 450 employed and independent physicians and The Christ Hospital Health Network.*

*In addition to practicing obstetrics and gynecology full time, Dr. Wendel serves as Chairman of The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences Board of Directors, is Associate Clinical Professor of Ob-Gyn at the University of Cincinnati, and consultant for Ethicon Endo Surgery. Most notably, he has received the George B. Hayden Teaching Award and the Elbert J. Nelson Teaching Award and is consistently named as a member of Cincinnati Magazine's "Top Doctors" list.*

*TCCNHS MISSION: The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, guided by its core values and enriched by a foundation in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, prepares individuals both for delivery of healthcare that promotes the well-being of a dynamic society and for life-long learning.*

## A Message From

*Jay Van Winkle*

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I want to share a powerful method of giving that can make a huge difference for the Christ College without breaking the bank. Do you know about tax-savvy ways to give? Let's talk about additional ways to give beyond cash.

Have you ever thought about donating appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds? It's an easy and tax-effective way to make an impactful gift to The Christ College. You can avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stock and receive a charitable income tax deduction.

If you have a life insurance policy that has outlasted its original purpose, consider making a gift of your policy to The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences. You will receive a charitable income tax deduction. All you must do is contact your life insurance provider, request a beneficiary designation form and include The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences as the beneficiary of your policy.

Gifts of retirement assets are also a way to give, donating part or all your unused retirement assets such as your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension or other tax-deferred plans. The benefit is avoiding potential estate tax on the retirement assets, your heirs would avoid income tax on any retirement assets funded on a pre-tax basis and receive potential estate tax savings from an estate tax deduction.

These are but a few of the many ways to make a gift beyond cash. For questions or further information, contact Jay Van Winkle, Advancement Officer, 513-585-2192 or email at [jay.vanwinkle@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:jay.vanwinkle@thechristcollege.edu).

This letter is not offering professional tax, legal, or accounting advice. For specific advice about the effect of any planning concept on your tax or financial situation or with your estate, please consult a qualified professional advisor. The Christ Hospital Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization supporting The Christ Hospital Health Network and the Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

### **Year End Annual Campaign**

I am pleased to let you know that the Campaign was a success. Over \$152,000 was raised to help fund scholarships for incoming and current students. These gifts will provide scholarships for many students in financial need.

*Warm regards,*

**Jay Van Winkle, Advancement Officer.**

It is the generous gift of time, talent and treasure that helps build a strong institution. TCCNHS is always looking for more graduates & community members to get involved. Whether you're interested in taking a leadership role, or just want to show up for the fun stuff, there is something for everyone. Here, you can find a list of resources & volunteer opportunities that you may want to access. If you have any questions, please contact us at [alumni@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:alumni@thechristcollege.edu) or 513-585-2192

## **Alumni Resources & Services**

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### **Quarterly Newsletter**

### **Alumni Search - Coming Soon**

### **Electronic Job Board/Career Support**

Contact Victoria Morell to learn more about how we can support you in your career.  
([Victoria.Morell@TheChristCollege.edu](mailto:Victoria.Morell@TheChristCollege.edu))

### **Transcript Requests, Diploma Replacements, and Pin Replacements**

Contact Susan Mack to learn more about how we can support you in your career.  
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### **Alumni Spirit Merchandise eShop**

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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

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### **Serve on the Young Professional Alumni & Student Engagement Committee**

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### **Write Congratulation notes to graduates**

Contact [elizabeth.hager@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:elizabeth.hager@thechristcollege.edu)

### **Write Welcome note to admitted students**

Contact [meghan.hollowell@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:meghan.hollowell@thechristcollege.edu)

### **Attend the Pinning Ceremony**

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### **Serve as a mentor**

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### **Act as a simulation patient**

Contact [sheri.strodes@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:sheri.strodes@thechristcollege.edu)

### **Participate as a panelist or guest lecturer**

Contact [elizabeth.hager@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:elizabeth.hager@thechristcollege.edu) or [edna.brown@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:edna.brown@thechristcollege.edu)

## **Distinguished Alumni Award**

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The Distinguished Alumni Award is given to a Christ College graduate in any of the degrees conferred by the college. This is in recognition of and appreciation for exceptional achievement in their career. The recipient of this award exemplifies the mission and vision of The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences while providing inspiration for current students, and alumni. Professional areas for consideration include one or more of the following: practice excellence, education, community service, health equity and diversity/inclusion, innovation, health and wellness initiatives, administration, or public service. The award will be presented at the Celebration of Excellence on April 24, 2024

### **Nominations will be accepted until February 28, 2024**

*Please email your nomination to Jay Van Winkle, Advancement & Alumni Engagement Officer  
[jay.vanwinkle@thechristcollege.edu](mailto:jay.vanwinkle@thechristcollege.edu).*

*Include the nominee's name, phone number, and the reasons you believe make this individual deserving of the award. Please state achievements in the areas of consideration noted above.*

# 2024-2027 Strategic Plan Officially Launched

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The Christ College is ringing in the new year with a new plan! Over the last year, our dedicated team has been hard at work preparing a strategic plan that will propel our College forward into a new era of educational innovation and healthcare impact. We are delighted to present to you our new strategic plan, which encapsulates our resolute commitment to preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge needed for a rapidly evolving field.

**Here is a brief overview of what the College intends to accomplish over the next three years:**

## **Partnerships**

- Work with like institutions to reduce time to build new programs, share data, and reduce costs.
- Forge impactful partnerships with local area high schools, non-profits, and health care employers to close college preparedness gaps for students, broaden our community reach, and grow enrollment.

## **Advancement**

- Enhance our philanthropic efforts to expand scholarships and fund capital improvements.
- Engage alumni through reimagining the alumni association, launching a young professional's group, and providing new ways for involvement and recognition.

## **Programs**

- Add associate degree programs aimed at bolstering the workforce and provide job-focused students the most direct paths into these careers.
- Create a unique Master of Science in Nursing program, elevating the College to a graduate-level status.

## **Student Experience**

- Launch new efforts to support student mental health and wellbeing.
- Expand skills and simulation labs to provide superior training and learning experiences.
- Broaden our affiliation with The Christ Hospital Health Network to offer tangible benefits and career pathways to students employed during their education.
- Provide students with diverse community clinical experiences and enhance on-campus sense of belonging for underrepresented students.

## **Academic Transformation**

- Enhance curriculum alignment, offer new supports and development to faculty, and revamp our assessment of student learning.
- Boost NCLEX supports using data and mentorship to strengthen student success.

While this plan sets the bar high, I am confident that our faculty and staff have the ability and commitment to make these plans a success. The best days in the history of the College lie ahead and it will take all of us to make that a reality.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission.

**Brad Jackson, Interim President**



The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences is honored to acknowledge those donors who made charitable donations and support. Thank you for the profound difference your generosity makes at The Christ College for nurses and healthcare leaders of tomorrow.

*The 1902 Society was established to recognize the generosity of individuals who make significant annual contributions of \$1000 or more.*

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<i>Evelyn Kinney (McCauley)</i>	<i>Class of 1949</i>
<i>Eileen Manchester (Snell)</i>	<i>Class of 1950</i>
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<i>Patricia DeMain (McGovern)</i>	<i>Class of 1967</i>
<i>Deborah Greene (Weeks)</i>	<i>Class of 1973</i>
<i>Brenda Barnhorst (Crowley)</i>	<i>Class of 1986</i>
<i>Robert Wipert</i>	<i>Class of 1996</i>
<i>Jaye Payne</i>	<i>Class of 2010</i>

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## **Save the Date**

### **The Christ College Gala Celebration of Excellence**

*An evening to award excellence and raise money for scholarships*

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

*(Note change of date)*

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### **All Alumni Appreciation Luncheon**

*Honoring Classes '54, '64, '74, '84, '99*

**Friday, August 16, 2024**