Bryce Turner

With the end of the semester, another group of students will be graduating and beginning the next chapter of their lives. Jennifer Whitfield, who will be earning her associate degree in medical assisting, and Bryce Turner, who has completed a bachelor’s degree in health services administration, recently reflected on their experiences at Bryant & Stratton College.

“I chose BSC because they were the only organization in the area that offered a bachelor’s program in health services administration,” Bryce recalls. “BSC also took more than half of my credits from my associate degree.”

Jennifer was drawn to BSC because of its small class sizes. “The more one-on-one option was appealing,” she said.

Both Jennifer and Bryce’s paths were inspired by their long-held interest in the medical field. “My best memory was drawing blood,” Jennifer said. “I really get a thrill out of seeing that I accomplished something and performed such a fragile procedure.”

Bryce, on the other hand, chose to focus on the less clinical side of the field. “Initially, I was on the path of becoming a nurse but decided that working with patients directly didn’t work for me. I figured I could still help them, just in a different capacity.”

Helping Jennifer and Bryce reach their goals were the dedicated instructors of Syracuse North. For Jennifer, standout teachers included Dr. Joe Lu, Dr. Bob Jaworski, and Patricia Cameron. “I love Dr Bob’s class preparing me for my CMA; I also enjoyed Pharmacology and Med Office,” Jennifer said, adding that the program “kept me so busy I didn’t realize how fast the time went.”

“I absolutely adored Debra Lum, John Adams, William Rava, Kathleen McDermott and my absolute favorite Janice Anderson.”

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Events Celebrate Graduating Students

On December 7, faculty and staff gathered in the events room to honor students at the traditional graduation breakfast. From left are Kane Davis, Alexis Ladd, Candace Spellman, Hannah Heyward, Nancy Reno, Nick Lynn, Chris Ciotti, and Jennifer Whitfield.

The pinning ceremony on November 27 was an opportunity to recognize students who have completed the medical assisting program. In front, from left, are Alexis Ladd, Natasha Roof, and Cassandra Dalton. In the second row are Michelle Kisselstein, Jennifer Whitfield, Katiynn Sheldon, Sabrina Giocondo, Patricia Barden, Brittany Huffman, Marlea Whitehouse, and Kayla Simpson.
Bryce said. Not surprisingly, his favorite courses were “anything with Kathleen McDermott and Janice Anderson.”

Jennifer’s next goal is becoming a registered nurse, and she is taking prerequisite courses at Cayuga Community College as she prepares to apply for nursing school. Bryce is exploring graduate programs in health services administration. “I plan to focus on health information technology. Kathleen McDermott has been assisting me with the research.”

Bryce’s advice for new students is to “take your time, ask for help when needed and don’t forget to take time to relax.”

Jennifer emphasizes the importance of staying organized and enjoying the college experience as much as possible. “It will be over before you know it!”

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After 33 years at Bryant & Stratton College, Financial Aid Advisor Wanda Maxwell is set to retire. A luncheon was held in her honor on December 6. Pictured from left are Financial Aid Manager Regina Drumm, Wanda, and Human Resources Manager Mary Clifton.
College Offers Support to Veterans

By Hannah Macko

I have a mission to get out there in our community, with the help of a team of people including our veteran students, to educate those who are transitioning from their military experience to college and into a career. We also want all our current and alumni veterans to have a special place while on campus or when they come to visit. Room 104 has been designated to those students to have a quiet place. We have a lot to still uncover and make better. With the students’ help, I know we can do it.

Joanne Gill (Veteran Certifying Official), Lee Hicklin (Military Relations Manager, Administrative at Virginia Beach BSC) and myself (Admission Veteran Specialist) met with a lot of students from all over the country during the college fair on Tuesday, November 13 at Fort Drum. Lee flew up here from Virginia to help me kick start our mission to help local veterans, meet future veterans, and get out into our community to help those who might not know about the possibilities after getting out.

We were there from 11 am to 3 pm to promote the college and talk to active duty soldiers about the possibilities they have once they are done. We also met with Cheryl Christie, the Center Director for the USO at Fort Drum. The USO has been around for more than 77 years. This organization connects with America’s service members to bring them back to what they spent all their time doing: defending their country, their home and their family. They service active duty members, transitioning members, military families, wounded and ill members as well as families of the fallen. This organization supports these members and beyond, volunteering their time to take care and be a force behind the force. We made some great connections and can’t wait to get out to our local community to learn more and educate those who don’t know about us and what we stand for.

On December 11, William Pearo, Mathew Busch and Cheryl Goewey attended a coffee and bagel get together in Room 104 here on campus. We discussed their ranking when they served and what they are doing at Bryant & Stratton. We also discussed how to make our designated veteran area more useful to all veterans and their spouses on campus. It was a great opportunity to get to know one another and for the three of them to help me get out there in the community to help those veterans who don’t know about their possibilities.

Bryant & Stratton participated in a college fair held November 13 at Fort Drum.

The next coffee and bagel get together will be Tuesday January 29, 2019, from 12 to 12:30 in Room 104. Please spread the word to all veterans and their spouses on campus.
The Bryant & Stratton College Liverpool Bobcats traveled down the Thruway Monday night to take on their sister school and rival, Bryant & Stratton College Albany. It was a tightly contested matchup that saw multiple ties and lead changes throughout.

The Bobcats of Liverpool went into halftime with the momentum and a 36-30 lead. The second half was a “see-saw” battle as both teams took turns taking the lead. Grasping onto a one point lead with 10 seconds left the BSC Liverpool defense dug in and had to grind out two defensive stops before Cheikh Dia grabbed the defensive rebound. He was quickly fouled and sealed the game away with two clutch free throws.

BSC Albany had one last attempt to tie the game, but the half court heave came up short and the Liverpool Bobcats stole a game on the road. Coach Frisina said after the game that he was very proud of his team’s effort and wants them to soak this one in. “I am so incredibly proud of these young men and how they hung together and kept battling. This was a complete team win. There was no give up and you are really starting to see some of our younger guys mature.”

The Springfield College Bobcats finish the first semester with a game at Cazenovia College on Wednesday, December 12, at 7 pm.
The Alpha Beta Gamma Induction Ceremony was held on November 15. From left are Cheryl Goewey, Hannah Heyward, Cassandra Leonard, Deborah Maddox, John Mero, and Jamie Rossignol. Below, Cheryl, Hannah, and Deborah pose with their ABG certificates.

The Winter 2019 semester begins January 9!