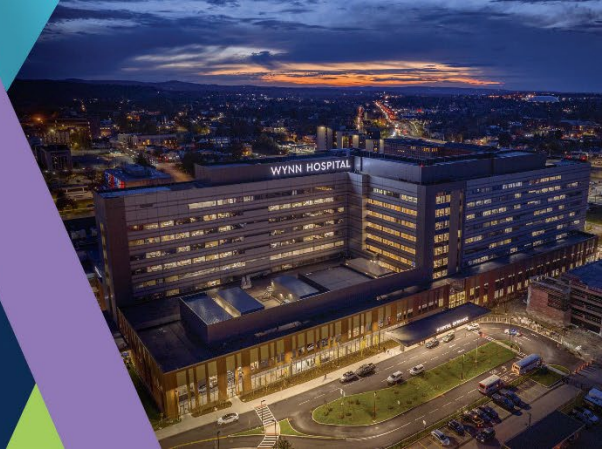
Just the Facts

MVHS & WYNN HOSPITAL

There's so much happening in healthcare in our region – at times it's hard to stay updated! That's why Just the Facts is being reinvigorated. This weekly publication, published on Tuesdays, will provide you with the latest information about MVHS and the Wynn Hospital!



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025:

Department Spotlight: St. Elizabeth College of Nursing – Fall Semester Begins

Last week, St. Elizabeth College of Nursing (SECON) welcomed back 123 students for the fall semester for its weekday and evening/weekend programs.

About SECON

SECON offers an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in nursing, fully integrating theoretical learning with clinical experiences within a caring environment. The nursing courses include direct patient care that is planned and supervised by a faculty member with expertise in a particular nursing area. One of the strengths of the program at SECON is its clinical component that combines the theory learned in class with actual nursing practice allowing for immediate transfer and application of knowledge.

Back to School Events and Fun

- During Freshman Orientation, students are asked to write down their "why." The "why" chalkboard wall is located in the student common area so students can see this reminder when nursing school gets challenging.
- On the first day back, students were welcomed with donuts and iced coffee for "Donut you know we missed you," which included a donut ring toss game and bean bag toss. A mentor/mentee ice cream social took place for freshmen to meet their senior mentor.
- A Moving Up Ceremony is held every year to honor and celebrate students as they transition from freshmen to seniors, a tradition that includes receiving a nursing pin from faculty, reciting the Nightingale Pledge and a candle lighting symbolizing Florence Nightingale and her legacy of care. In addition to the SECON Board of Directors, faculty, staff and administration, students' family and friends are in attendance at the ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held tonight, Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

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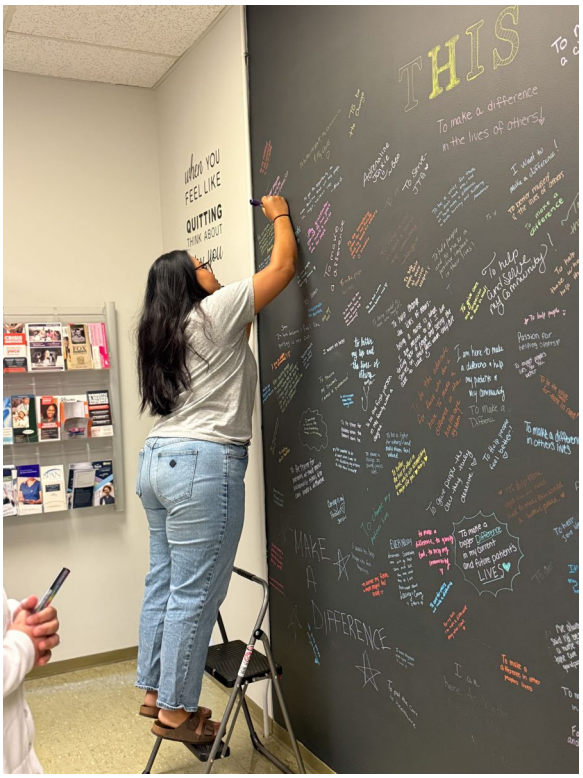
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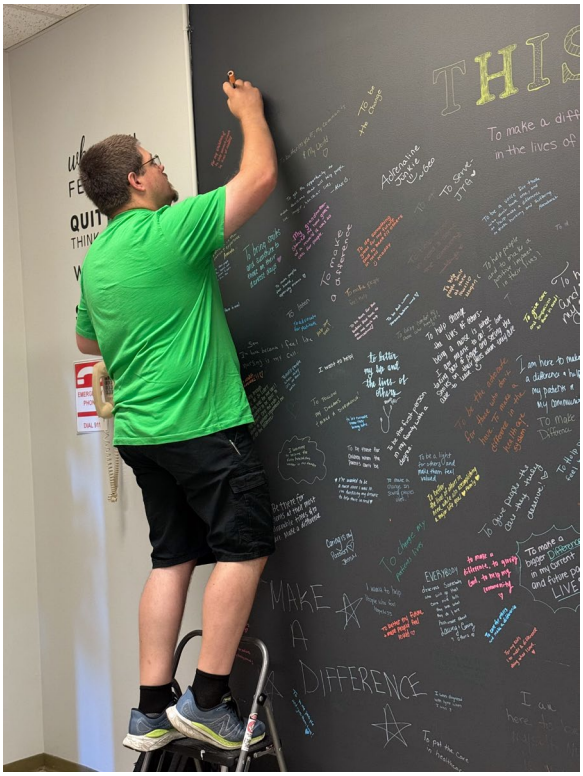

Where do SECON students do their clinical hours?
Freshmen and senior clinical placements will start in September at the Wynn Hospital and seniors will also have clinical placements at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. Nursing students will complete more than 600 clinical hours by the time they graduate from SECON.

Are SECON students involved in the local community?
Yes! There are many ways for SECON students to get involved and soak up the local culture.

- **Service Based Learning (SBL)** – Students are provided an approved list of experiences with a goal of completing at least two hours of community service during each semester. The SBL assignment provides the opportunity for each student to demonstrate positive role model behaviors and active citizenship, reflecting an awareness of economic, political and social forces within the community at large.
- **Community Engagement and Connection (CEC)** – SECON provides students with opportunities to gain an appreciation for diverse perspectives outside of the classroom. Attendance at one activity/event per semester provided by SECON is required in an effort to support community engagement and connection, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, veteran status, religion, learning style or perspective.

How many students are enrolled in SECON?
This fall, there are 123 students, including 66 freshmen and 57 seniors.

How many faculty and staff members work at SECON?

- Fifteen full-time, master's prepared faculty for theory and clinical teaching
- The staff includes: College President, Dean of Student and Faculty Development, Administrative Assistant to the President, Academic and Simulation Lab Professional, Director of Student Services, Director of Finance and Enrollment, Registrar/Bursar, an Admissions Coordinator and three Housekeepers that keep the building clean and maintained!