



**Dean's Message.** I cannot possibly express enough gratitude to all for your continued efforts to make this year a success. Despite the tremendous challenges we have all faced, faculty, staff and students in the Crystal M. Lange College for Health and Human Services are ready to successfully complete this fall semester. I hope you will take great proud in your achievements. This has been a semester of transition and innovation. I am proud of your willingness to help develop innovation, collaboration, and resilience as we move into the new year. We continue to partner with community members on initiatives that will help those who want, to achieve their goals in higher education. We are also expanding our reach beyond the tri-county area partnering with community colleges in other regions within Michigan. We are looking at streamlining transfer agreements to make the transition for those with an associate degree easier to obtain their bachelor's degree. We are also looking at innovative programs, such as part-time programs in nursing and MLS, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree bachelor programs, just to name a few.

This fall, we have shifted our focus to an initiative called We\*Mentor. Our goal is to partner with the Saginaw Public School System in developing a road map that starts in middle school and continues through graduation and employment. It is through dedicated mentorship and innovative tutoring programs that SVSU can help transform education. It is our goal to bridge the academic gap and smooth the transition to college. Please look out for more of this initiative to come in the new year. We are also shifting to a more strategic approach to wellness/health promotion, and **Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, Belonging, and Accessibility**. Two task forces have begun work on these two initiatives. Our goal is to improve the health and culture of SVSU faculty, staff, students, along with the surrounding community.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved holiday break, spending time engaging in activities that rejuvenate you. Once again, thank you, and accept my absolute best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season, and a bright new year.

## Renaming HHS to Bachand Hall



On October 3, 2022, the Health and Human Services Building was formally renamed to Bachand Hall. Members of the community and university were on hand to congratulate Dr. Bachand for this honor. Also, in honor of Mrs. Bachand's work in nursing and support for the students in the Crystal M. Lange College for Health and Human Services, a plaque will be placed on the stone in front of the building. Congratulations to both!

# B\*WELL Saginaw Walk-Run

BWell Saginaw is a community-wide initiative lead by Saginaw County's BWell Saginaw Partner Coalition: Ascension St. Mary's, CMU Health, Covenant HealthCare, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers, HealthSource Saginaw, MiHIA, Saginaw Community Foundation, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, Saginaw County Health Department, Saginaw Intermediate School District, United Way of Saginaw County. SVSU provided support by having a team participate in the event as well as having a table at the health fair.

Our goal is to become a more active supporter with BWell Saginaw in the future. Below are some fun pictures of Coop's participation in the event. He sure gave everyone a run for their money, including Stacey Klump and Marcia Ditmyer who did not realize he was going to join in the race. His participation provided great exposure for SVSU and the College. Thanks Coop!



# HHS Halloween Party

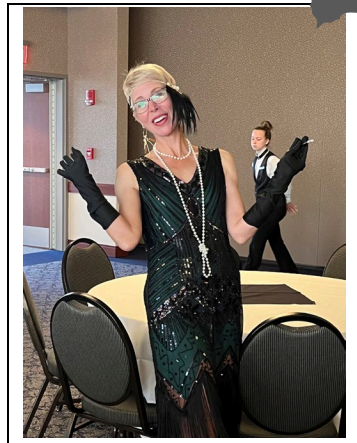
One Thursday, October 27, 2022, HHS held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween extravaganza. This year's event was held in the Curtis Hall Banquet Room A.



The winners for the costume party were voted on by fellow Deans. Thank you for helping select this year's winners. Thanks to our judges, Drs. Huntley, Tarr, and Perez.



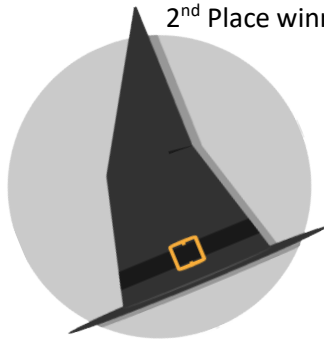
Adrienne Galbraith  
Nursing Simulation  
1<sup>st</sup> Place winner



Gena Guerin  
Kinesiology  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner



Cathy Macomber  
Social Work  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner



# HOT OFF THE PRESS...Holiday Festivities

It is hard to believe that we are moving into November. Soon Thanksgiving will be upon us. It is my wish that you all enjoy the holiday with your family and friends. People celebrate the holiday in many different ways, and each is an important way to be thankful. Some may watch the parade on tv or may even go to a Thanksgiving Day parade in person. Some will feast for all 4 days on leftovers. Some will have a quiet time to rest and refresh from the long semester. Some will see family and friends they have not been able to see. Some will take the time to volunteer services such as the East Side Soup Kitchen. Some will take time to help someone in need. Whatever you decide to do, I wish you a wonderful holiday.



As we push into December, we will be enjoying the holiday season. Just a reminder of a couple of things HHS has going on.

**HHS BINGO Contest.** Let's not forget the BINGO contest. The submission deadline is 5pm on November 28<sup>th</sup> to submit your completed card. Please forward the card to Kelsey Lipinski at [kllipins@svsu.edu](mailto:kllipins@svsu.edu) once completed. If you have forgotten or lost the rules and card, please contact Kelsey and she will be happy to forward that to you. The winners will be announced at the holiday party on December 1, 2022.

**Holiday Door Decorating Contest.** Guidelines are below.

1. Decorations may not cover the windows of the door or block movement into or out of the classroom/office.
2. Decorations should not impede opening or closing the doors or prevent doors from locking at end of day.
3. Decorations should be appropriate to the season and reflect our college and university value and mission.
4. The competition is intended to promote positive college spirit and participation.
5. Doors may be decorated beginning Monday, Nov 14, 2022.
6. Judging for our college will take place on November 30, 2022, with the winners being announced during the holiday party on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. All decorations must be removed from doors and classrooms by Friday January 6, 2023.
8. Judging will be based on the following visual impact, craftsmanship, originality, completeness, and holiday theme
9. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner.

**Holiday Cookie Bake-off Contest.** These cookies will serve as the deserts for our holiday feast on December 1, 2022. The guidelines are below.

1. Please let Kelsey Lipinski at [kllipins@svsu.edu](mailto:kllipins@svsu.edu) know by Wednesday, November 16, if you plan to participate. Send the name of the cookie that you will be entering in the contest.
2. Each contestant must bake 24 cookies. If the recipe has nuts, then one dozen should be made without nuts.
3. Your cookies should be placed on a serving tray, and you should make a label as to the name of the cookie.
4. The contest will be judged by a group of HHS folks (1 from each department).
5. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner.



Please RSVP to the Holiday Luncheon events at the following website:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHS\\_Holiday\\_Festivities\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHS_Holiday_Festivities_Survey)

# Graduation Activities

Graduation is always great for both the students and faculty/staff. We are able to see the fruits of all the challenging work. Below details fall 2022 commencement activities.

## **General Commencement**

Friday, December 16, 2022, at 4:30pm in the O'Neill Arena, Ryder Center

## **Graduate Recognition Ceremony**

Friday, December 16, 2022, at 9:00am in Malcolm Field Theater

## **BSN Symposium**

Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 4:30pm in the O'Neill Arena, Ryder Center

Rehearsal (9:00am to 11:00am), Doors open 4:00pm

All faculty are encouraged to attend all celebrations of our students. Your presence at these events means a great deal to our students. The presence of HHS faculty and staff at the general commencement demonstrates our support and commitment to our students in the presence of administration, Board of Control, and other dignitaries that attend.

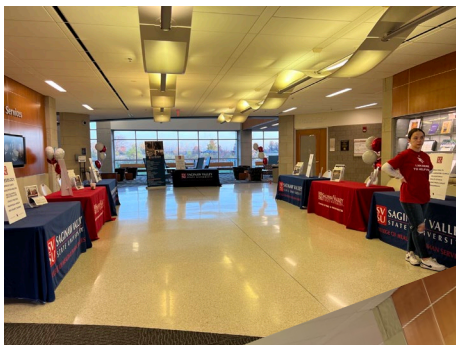
# OPEN HOUSE

The fall open house was a success due to the commitment of faculty, staff, and students of HHS. Over 400 students were in attendance, making the total number of guests and students over 1,300. The university received many positive reviews!

One such review was from a potential Social Work student and her parents.

"Our experience in Health and Human Services and specifically the Social Work department was phenomenal. As we entered the building, we were greeted by the Dean who directed us to the Social Work department table where faculty were waiting. After a brief introduction, the faculty member(Matt Mitchell) escorted us to a room where 2-4 students were giving a presentation. The presentation the students gave was both exciting and informational. They answered Kaitlyn's questions directly and with energy. When they could not answer a question, a faculty member (Denise Dedman) that was waiting in the back jumped in with an answer and then turned it back over to the students. We were given a tour of the Social Work Suites and the students provided examples as to how those rooms are used. As we left the HHS building, our daughter's comment to us was, "I am so excited, I want to cry."

Congratulations to all of you. Below is the list of faculty, staff, and students who helped support this event, and some pictures to see the festivities. Thank you very much!



**Kinesiology**

David Berry  
 Jeremy Knous  
 Gena Guerin  
 Merrick Lincoln  
 Rachel Darr  
**Ex Sc Student:**  
 Spencer Buchman

**Occupational Therapy**

Jean Prast  
 Don Earley  
 Jill Brown  
 Lisa Brewer  
**OT Students:**  
 Mariah Michalak  
 Colleen Roberts  
 Maggie Barko  
 Alison Jones  
 Emily Powers  
 Felicity Edick

**Nursing**

Tami Pobocik  
 Robert Kelch  
 Emily Larocque  
 Jennifer Feeney  
 Tyler Rivet  
 Janet Ofori-Darko

**Social Work**

Cathy Macomber  
 Matt Mitchell  
 Michael Heron  
 Ashley Sanders  
 Rebecca Salvner  
 Denise Dedman  
 Teresa Coker  
 Melvin McDowell  
 Kathleen Woehrle  
 Jason Jaime  
**SW Students:**  
 Madison Donovan  
 Katherine Edwards  
 Maci Boven  
 Paige Walker  
 Austin Urlab  
 Breanna Dulworth

**Health Sciences**

Maureen Muchimba  
 Marilyn Skrocki  
 Margot Alvey  
 Charles Weaver  
**HS Students:**  
 Summer Little  
 Noorpreet Kaur  
 Madison Seliskar  
 Mallori Russell

**Staff**

Patrick Olivarez  
 Kelsey Lipinski  
 Anthony Dirusso  
 Monika Scriba  
 Rachel Winter

# Mega-Sim Interprofessional Class

Each semester, the college conducts a simulation that focuses on one of the core areas of Interprofessional Education, Teamwork, community practices, roles and responsibilities, and values/ethics. The fall 2022 Mega Sim was designed to help students work through the difference between personal and professional ethics by presenting role play, dilemmas, and case study.

This year the event occurred both in person and virtually (3 sessions). The in-person was held on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm. It was very well attended. Below are some pictures of the activities.

The breakdown of each session in below

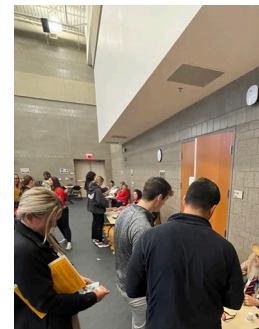
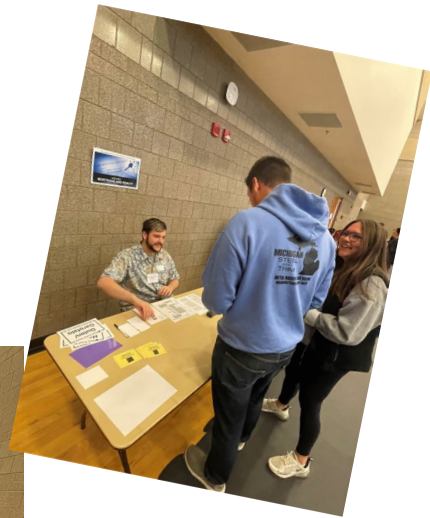
Session 1 (in-person)	Session 2 (virtually)	Session 3 (virtually)
177 students 33 SW 46 OT 78 Nursing 20 KINE	204 students 57 SW 35 OT 90 Nursing 22 KINE	202 Students 40 SW 34 OT 101 Nursing 25 KINE 2 HS
19 Volunteer Facilitators	20 Volunteer Facilitators	14 Volunteer Facilitators



# Poverty Simulation

This month, the Poverty simulation occurred over two days (10/20 –10/21) in the MAL. Over 140 Social Work, Nursing, MLS, and OT students participated. The simulation gave students an experience of what it is like to live on a low income trying to meet their daily living needs. Students expressed that the poverty simulation was eye-opening and would change their approach to clients in similar situations.

Rose Lange: “A great big thank you to all the volunteers that made the simulation so successful! Also, thank you to the Kinesiology faculty and staff for rearranging class locations so the MAL would be available for the simulation! If you like your students to participate next semester? The poverty simulation occurs on Week 8 of the Fall and Winter semesters. Winter 2023's poverty simulation will occur on Thursday, March 2nd. Contact Rose Lange to sign up your students or to sign up to volunteer for the event!”



# N5 Professional Day for BSN Nursing Students

Professional Day for our N5 students began in March 2021 to provide an opportunity for local agencies to recruit our upcoming graduates. It also allows our students to network with the various local agencies to explore nursing career options. This day was a brainchild of Drs. Fredrick and Fabbro. October 6<sup>th</sup> was the 4<sup>th</sup> professional day held since its inception. During the day, the professional agencies present on important topics for students to better understand the job market, the process for employment, and networking. This year our 96 N5 students were able to visit with six (6) different agencies. The agencies were MyMichigan Health, Residential HomeCare, Covenant HealthCare, Ascension St. Mary's Health System, McLaren Bay Region, and Owosso Memorial Hospital.

Below are some photos of the events of the day.

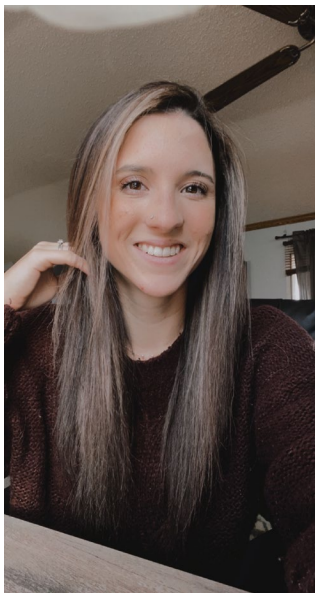


## NAACP Freedom Fund Celebration

The 51st Annual Freedom Fund event sponsored by the Saginaw Branch of the NAACP, will be held in person. For those unable to attend in person, there will be a virtual option again this year. The theme this year was "This is power." NAACP continues to emphasize their work to disrupt inequality, dismantle racism, and accelerate change in areas such as criminal justice, health care, education, climate, and the economy. SVSU representatives were present at the event to help support their efforts.



## HHS STUDENT AND FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS



Melina Griswold

***Melina Griswold*** is currently in the N2 semester of her nursing program. She grew up in a military household, living in many different states. Currently she lives in Genesee County with her husband and 2 dogs. Recently she was selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP). The program, open to civilians, will pay for her tuition and required fees. In addition, they provide a monthly stipend. In return, she committed to serving at the VA (which could result in relocation), for 2 ½ years following graduation. This program is designed to help alleviate the health care workforce shortages in the VA by obligating scholarship recipients to complete a minimum service obligation at a VA health care facility after graduation and licensure/ certification.

Melina says, "I'm extremely grateful to be a part of this scholarship program as it helps me pursue my passion for helping people like my father, who is 100 percent disabled from serving our country. It is an honor to know that I can help those who have served our country and risked their lives for our freedom. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is a great way to give back and show the love and support our veterans deserve. With that being said, my biggest goal is to become a Registered Nurse who is patient, compassionate, and always willing to learn and grow." We are immensely proud that Melina chose to come to SVSU.

### **Nursing Simulation Center**

The nursing simulation center staff have two projects accepted at the Society for Simulation in Healthcare Annual Conference (IMSH 2023 conference), held in Orlando Florida January 2023. This is the first time the center staff have had their proposal accepted. The two accepted proposals are:

1. 60-minute hands on workshop presentation highlighting our IPE TEAM Stepps escape room simulation developed by the lab staff for IPE. The workshop is a unique format as participants will be completing portions of the escape room during the workshop. This team is led by Dr. Michelle Claypool who completed her dissertation in escape rooms.
2. Experiential Learning of Empathy in Pre-Licensure Nursing Students by Portraying Patients which was accepted into the research development portion of the conference. The SVSU team will speak for 8-10 minutes on our idea for the research project then a team of simulation research experts will offer feedback and suggestions on the study. I am the leader of this team.

The staff have worked extremely hard to provide the best possible simulation experience to our students through innovation and research. Congratulations!



**Michelle Claypool**, Nursing Simulation Staff, was accepted into the Fulbright Specialist Program. The Fulbright Specialist Program is part of the larger Fulbright Program, was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics and professionals with host institutions abroad to share their expertise, strengthen institutional linkages, hone their skills, gain international experience, and learn about other cultures while building capacity at their overseas host institutions. In this competitive process, specialists are selected to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster based on their knowledge, skill sets, and ability to make a significant contribution to projects overseas. Those approved individuals join the Fulbright Specialist Roster and are then eligible to be matched with approved projects designed by foreign host institutions from over 150 countries and other areas.

Congratulations Michelle!

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SVSU Faculty Association**

The Awards banquet was held on October 14, 2022. Four of our faculty received honors between 2020 and 2022. Because of COVID, the awards banquet was not held in 2020 and 2021. Thus, all honorees from 2020 to 2022 were honored at this ceremony.

### **2022 Awardees**



Dr. Elizabeth Roe is a Professor of Nursing and program director for the nursing program at SVSU. With a clinical background in medical-surgical and critical care, Beth has a variety of research interests including stress and coping and treatment seeking in women with heart attack. More recently she has collaborated with area agencies on evidence-based practice initiatives. She was the 2022 recipient of the Scholarship Award.

Dr. Cathy Macomber is a Licensed Social Worker with a PhD, an MSW, and a Certificate in Public Health from Michigan State University. She has worked as a nursing home and home care social worker, a long-term care ombudsman and for the Alzheimer's Association. Cathy is a consultant in the Great Lakes Bay Region in the area of quality of life in long term care facilities. She currently serves as Assistant Dean in the College of Health and Human Services, BSW Program Director, and Associate Professor in the Social Work and Youth Services Department of Saginaw Valley State University. She was the 2022 recipient of the Service Award.



In addition to the 2022 recipients, recognition was given to Dr. Rebecca Schlaff as the 2021 recipient of the Scholarship Award, and Dr. Rebecca Toth was the 2021 recipient of the Mentor Award.

Congratulations to all!

**Molly Pratt**, nursing student, was highlighted by Fox 2 News in Detroit and by Beaumont Health. Molly's story is an inspiration for all. There was a time where Molly could not walk and was in a wheelchair due to her debilitating cancer. Now, Molly is months away from walking across the stage at graduation with her bachelor's degree in nursing from Saginaw Valley State University.

"Nothing is too far out of reach," Pratt said. "There was a time I thought, 'How am I going to be a nurse in this condition?' Slowly but surely, I'm getting my strength back."

Inspired by her own pediatric oncology nurses at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Pratt went to school to become one of them. "My dream – my end goal – is to be a pediatric oncology nurse because of them," Pratt said. "They always were so encouraging and had smiles on their faces. They made treatment bearable. I'd like to do the same for someone."

Pratt applied for and received the Charles A. Main Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship, named after Dr. Main, former chief of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology at Beaumont Children's. The scholarship is intended to help young adult cancer patients like Pratt and encourage them to look to the future by continuing their education. Molly is on track to graduate in December. We are so proud that she chose SVSU to complete her BSN.



[Click here](#) to read her full story.

**Jake Kokowicz**, a Social Work student, and a member of the Student Veteran of American® (SVA). Following his discharge from the Marine Corps in 2018, Jake was not sure what the rest of his life would look like. He struggled with many things, including a divorce, and living life after losing an arm. But that did not stop Jake from taking that next step and coming to SVSU. When he arrived, one of the first things he did was join the SVSU Chapter of the SVA, and soon his found purpose, ‘take care of vets.’ With the help of the SVA and others at SVSU, Jake was challenged and inspired to become the best he could be. He now pays that forward by inspiring others around him to reach their full potential through his inspirational story. How can you not be!

This year, Jake was accepted into the SVA Leadership Institute which provided him an opportunity to fly to Washington, DC to attend an immersive leadership experience designed to develop core values and hone leadership skills. The end goal of the SVA Leadership Institute is the development of one’s personal leadership ethos—that “force” that guides beliefs, behaviors, and actions—as well as network with a tight-knit community of fellow chapter leaders and mentors to support personal growth. This was a wonderful opportunity for Jake, as he states, “Thank you to the Student Veterans of America and SVSU for providing me with the opportunity and the time to increase my leadership skills and gain knowledge regarding who I am and of what I am capable! This was an unforgettable experience and I’m already looking forward to next year.”

Below are some pictures of Jake in DC. Congratulations Jake, we are so proud to have you at SVSU!



# MI CAREER QUEST

On Friday October 28, 2022, sixteen faculty and staff and ten students from the College of Health & Human Services participated in the MI Career Quest event in Ryder Center. This event is sponsored by Michigan Works – Middle Michigan and brings in organizations from across the Great Lakes Bay Region to show more than 5,000 10<sup>th</sup> graders what job/career opportunities are available to them. Rather than a promotional event for the University, College, or Department, this was an opportunity to talk about what we do for a living with the future workforce. It was a fun event, and we look forward to doing it again in the future!



## NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION

Submit any newsworthy items for the next edition  
of the HHS newsletter that will come out in January/February

We are always looking for faculty and staff achievements, external funding, recent publications, and accepted presentations since the last newsletter, including those you have completed with students, research projects going on, creative activities, community service activities, and anyone special in the college (faculty, staff, or student) you would like to highlight.

To submit information, please send to [mditmyer@svsu.edu](mailto:mditmyer@svsu.edu)

***Deadline for Jan/Feb edition is December 16, 2022***