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Elizabeth MacLeod Walls installed as president, BryanLGH College of Health Sciences

LINCOLN, Neb. — Elizabeth MacLeod Walls, Ph.D., will be installed as the second president of BryanLGH College of Health Sciences Friday, Aug. 20, at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, located in downtown Lincoln.

MacLeod Walls has served as interim president of the college since Phylis Hollamon's retirement in August 2009. MacLeod Walls joined the college in 2007 as the Director of Institutional Effectiveness. In 2008 she was named dean of general education where she led the college's effort to achieve accreditation from the North Central Association, a commission on accreditation and school improvement.

MacLeod Walls, a native of Nebraska, attended Hiram College in Ohio and went on to earn a doctorate from Texas Christian University. After earning her doctorate, MacLeod Walls returned to Lincoln where she joined the staff of Nebraska Wesleyan University. MacLeod Walls was recruited by BryanLGH College of Health Sciences to serve as the Director of Institutional Effectiveness in 2007. As director, MacLeod Walls organized the college's efforts to achieve initial accreditation with the NCA. She was appointed Dean of General Education and Institutional Effectiveness in 2008. The college board of trustees voted to install MacLeod Walls as interim president in 2009 upon Hollamon's retirement. MacLeod Walls was selected as the college's second president after a national search in Jan. 2010.

BryanLGH College of Health Sciences began as Bryan School of Nursing in 1926 and has experienced significant growth over the years in terms of attendance and the breadth of programs and degrees offered.

MacLeod Walls is married to the Rev. Dr. Craig MacLeod Walls, senior minister at SouthPointe Christian Church. She and her husband have two sons, Alexander and John, both born at BryanLGH East – where she herself also was born.

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The College began as Bryan School of Nursing in 1926 with 37 students. Today the BryanLGH College of Health Sciences has over 500 students and includes a School of Health Professions, School of Nurse Anesthesia, School of Nursing, the Research and Professional Practice Center, The Center for Excellence in Clinical Simulation and the divisions of General Education and Educational Technology. The College offers Associate, Baccalaureate and Master's degrees along with post-Baccalaureate Certificate programs in Health Sciences.

New BryanLGH College of Health Sciences seal unveiled

The seal of BryanLGH College of Health Sciences was developed to commemorate this installation and to visually unite the Schools of Nursing, Health Professions and Nurse Anesthesia in one overarching symbol. The lamp of knowledge, which is reproduced from the traditional Bryan School of Nursing seal, signifies the importance of evidence-based practice in caring for our patients. The vine with many leaves is emblematic of the various disciplines that comprise Health Professions, all of which share the common root of clinical and academic excellence. The light emanating from the open book conveys the importance of liberal knowledge in the arts and sciences for our graduates as they become practitioners and citizens of the world. In May 2010, faculty, staff, and students together selected the Latin phrase *Discere Mutari Est*, "To Learn Is to Change," as the new motto, which is reflective of the College's ongoing commitment to embracing pedagogical innovations and promoting transformative learning experiences across the curriculum.

Attachments:

Elizabeth MacLeod Walls photo

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