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**Belmont Technical College Graduates 76 New Nurses**

*Students Embark on Promising, Rewarding Career Path with Words of Encouragement from BTC Nursing Alumna*

**St. Clairsville, OH (June 10, 2010)**—Nearly 80 new nurses received their academic credentials today as part of Belmont Technical College's 2010 Nursing Program graduation ceremony held at the college in St. Clairsville. In the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program, 56 students received their degrees, while another 20 received certificates through the Practical Nursing (PN) program.

**ADN graduates include:**

|          |                 |             |
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| Cynthia  | Hill            | Barnesville |
| Kyle     | Jones           | Barnesville |
| Amy      | Nesbitt         | Barnesville |
| Kimberly | Nesdore         | Barnesville |
| Kimberly | Bell            | Beallsville |
| Chelsea  | Westfall        | Beallsville |
| Alysha   | Dunfee          | Bellaire    |
| Jenifer  | Hube            | Bellaire    |
| Katie    | Orlofske        | Bellaire    |
| Brandi   | Unterzuber      | Bellaire    |
| Natalie  | Meyer           | Bethesda    |
| Jessica  | Beal            | Bridgeport  |
| Jennifer | Schmidt         | Bridgeport  |
| Holly    | Swayngim        | Bridgeport  |
| Emily    | Torielli-Fenley | Cadiz       |
| Ronda    | Lytsell         | Cambridge   |
| Heidi    | Warren          | Cambridge   |
| Darlene  | Winland         | Cambridge   |
| Jackie   | Schlieper       | Cameron     |
| Amanda   | Amos            | Clarington  |
| Amanda   | Baker           | Glencoe     |
| Carrie   | Keener          | Hopedale    |
| Holli    | Kulow           | Hopedale    |
| Kimberly | Noble           | Jacobsburg  |
| Amy      | English         | Jerusalem   |
| Jennifer | Matz            | Lafferty    |

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| Danielle  | Weddle     | Lewisville     |
| Lori      | Lowry      | Lore City      |
| Theresa   | Mehler     | Morristown     |
| Heather   | Blake      | Moundsville    |
| Gretchen  | Kidd       | Moundsville    |
| Nancy     | Napolitano | Quaker City    |
| Randall   | Spratt     | Quaker City    |
| Connie    | Cesario    | Rayland        |
| Jessica   | Toth       | Rayland        |
| Christina | Brown      | Reynoldsburg   |
| Jacki     | Middaugh   | Scio           |
| Kala      | Bonar      | Shadyside      |
| Brandi    | Jarrett    | Shadyside      |
| Lisa      | Applegarth | St Clairsville |
| Samantha  | Cruise     | St Clairsville |
| Andrea    | Gdula      | St Clairsville |
| Alison    | Jordan     | St Clairsville |
| Megan     | McCammon   | St Clairsville |
| Christine | Myser      | St Clairsville |
| Samantha  | White      | St Clairsville |
| Joseph    | Angelozzi  | Tippecanoe     |
| Jonathan  | Cook       | Wheeling       |
| Lisa      | Klug       | Wheeling       |
| Charity   | Swoyer     | Wheeling       |
| Robyn     | Gallagher  | Woodsfield     |
| Marsha    | Jones      | Woodsfield     |
| Kimberly  | Paradiso   | Woodsfield     |
| Angela    | Weddle     | Woodsfield     |
| Amanda    | Dentz      | Yorkville      |
| Jessica   | Heckathorn | Yorkville      |

**PN graduates include:**

|          |               |               |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Jona     | Smith         | Barnesville   |
| Patricia | Bailey        | Bellaire      |
| Brenda   | Rushman       | Bellaire      |
| Connie   | Billetter     | Belmont       |
| Casandra | Frew          | Bethesda      |
| Brittney | Miller        | Bridgeport    |
| Nicole   | Ott           | Cadiz         |
| Erica    | Frizzi        | Columbus      |
| Meganne  | Cope          | Flushing      |
| Casey    | Smith         | Flushing      |
| Kimberly | Beach         | Freeport      |
| Lisa     | Bell          | Glencoe       |
| Tracy    | Patterson     | Lafferty      |
| Emmett   | Dalton        | Martins Ferry |
| Jodi     | Minder-Staley | Martins Ferry |
| Carl     | Walker        | Martins Ferry |

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| Debra   | Bertolino | Mt Pleasant    |
| David   | Toland    | Neffs          |
| Jessica | Furbee    | Old Washington |
| Sandra  | Stachyra  | St Clairsville |

Commencement speaker Staci Butkus provided words of encouragement to the graduating class as she discussed her own career path, which began at BTC. Butkus is currently the risk manager/patient representative at East Ohio Regional Hospital in Martins Ferry, Ohio. She received an ADN from BTC in 1995, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The Ohio University School of Nursing in 1998 and will graduate from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Master’s Degree in August specializing as a family nurse practitioner.

“The foundation I gained at BTC has given me the knowledge and confidence I needed to pursue a rewarding career that allows me to help people through some of their most difficult challenges,” Butkus said. “There’s no greater feeling than knowing you made such a difference in someone’s life when they needed you the most.”

The traditional Pinning Ceremony—where newly graduated nurses are welcomed into the profession by faculty and their families and receive their unique BTC School of Nursing commemorative pin—took place on Wednesday for the PN graduates and during the day on Thursday for ADN graduates.

“Despite the tough economy, the healthcare fields remain some of the most in-demand careers, and these students now have the opportunity to pursue a challenging and fulfilling profession,” said Brenda Lohri-Posey, Executive Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of the Nursing Program at BTC. “In many ways, nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system; they play a critical role in delivering skilled as well as compassionate care.”

In addition to receiving their degrees and certificates, several students were recognized at an awards ceremony held in May. These include:

- Heart of Nursing Award from Wheeling Hospital (PN): Brittney Elizabeth Miller
- LPNAO Award (PN): Carl E. Walker
- The Human Touch Award from Wheeling Hospital (ADN): Jonathan E. Cook
- Nursing Faculty Award for Excellence in Nursing (ADN): Lori L. Lowry.

For more information about BTC, its ADN and PN nursing programs, visit [www.btc.edu](http://www.btc.edu).

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