

Family and friends eager to support Bay Path Practical Nursing team in Walk to End Alzheimer's

CHARLTON — Lindsay Guertin, BSN, RN of Spencer was working as full-time faculty prior to COVID-19 when a clinical discussion inspired her to form a team in the Walk to End Alzheimer's to support her practical nursing students in their nursing journey.

Gretheline Bolandrina DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director remembers when Guertin spoke with her about the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Hanover Insurance Office Park, 100 North Parkway in Worcester. The walk route opens at 8:30 a.m., and there is a Promise Garden Ceremony at 10 a.m. She said she knew of the event, and she is enthusiastic about participating with the Guertins, practical nursing students, and alumni. Guertin recently received her Team captain gear. Both Guertin and Bolandrina thought participating would be fun, and a memorable service-learning activity for everyone.

"I notified alumni about it," Bolandrina said. "Some graduates from 2014, 2015 and current students, so we all just made a team. Weather permitting, more friends and family members may join the team. We look forward to the chance to join with all the teams to make an impact in the

(Right) Lindsay Guertin and her husband. mission to end Alzheimer's."

"I am passionate about Dementia and Alzheimer's care. The walk is a wonderful opportunity. It brings awareness to Alzheimer's, brings funds to research for Alzheimer's for a cure, and help support Alzheimer's families," Guertin said. "It's important to learn as much as we can, especially our practical nursing students. The more awareness we can bring leads to someday have a cure."

Guertin set the minimum fundraising goal for the team. The goal is set at \$2,000 for Bay Path Practical Nursing Team. So far, they've raised \$240, with hopes of additional donations arriving in the mail.

Bolandrina said she is so grateful for Guertin's leadership including her family's participation. She looks forward to the day when the goal is reached of finding a cure for Alzheimer's. She commended the Bay Path Practical Nursing community members for their show of support.

More information about how to donate or join Team Bay Path PN Students is available by visiting https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=14521&pg=team&team_id=702807.

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BAY PATH LPN HONORED WITH P.E.O. GRANT

Leanne Reardon, LPN, of Harrington Physician Services (Pediatrics) of Southbridge, and a 2014 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, was honored at a P.E.O. Grant Certificate Presentation by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AJ, Manchester. Photo shows standing from left, Joyce Halmers, Darlene Allen, (President Chapter AJ) Carol Powell, seated Bonnie Lindland and P.E.O. Grant Awardee Leanne Reardon, LPN. Standing far right is Lucy Falk, Chairman of Program for Continuing Education.

In a message to Reardon, she was notified that the P.E.O. organization is honored to announce that the prestigious P.E.O. grant in the amount of \$2,200 is awarded to provide funds to reach her educational goals. Susan Penrod, Chairman, Board of Trustees P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education wished Reardon "great success in the years ahead." Reardon is set to start the LPN to RN program at Quinsigamond Community College.

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow saving lives with Ninth Annual Strut Your Mutt® Celebration

BRIMFIELD — Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary (HTAT), along with hundreds of animal rescue groups across the country, is participating in the Best Friends Animal Society's Strut Your Mutt Day, the walk and fundraising event that saves the lives of dogs and cats in communities across the country.

Launching more than two decades ago in Salt Lake City, Best Friends Strut Your Mutt® event expanded to several cities across the nation in 2010 with a commitment to help Best Friends Network partner organizations, such as HTAT, raise critical funds for their lifesaving work.

Realizing that this successful fundraising event did not have to be tied to a few geographical venues, Best Friends in 2011 opened Strut Your Mutt Day to network partners around the country. Now more than ever, Strut Your Mutt Day will be an important tool to help animal shelters and rescue groups raise money toward saving the lives of homeless dogs and cats.

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow's Ninth Annual Strut Your Mutt® Celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, on the Brimfield Common, as part of the Brimfield Community Partnership's (BCP) Brimfield Harvest Festival. The Festival is an all-day, family-friendly event that runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with HTAT's walk starting at 1 p.m. Those who would like to participate in HTAT's walk can either pre-register online at heretodaysanctuary.org/walk, or register on-site on Sept. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. Walkers are welcome to come with or without a dog.

"We at Here Today Adopted Tomorrow are proud to be part of the Best Friends Strut Your Mutt Day celebration happening across the country, and we're so excited to combine our annual walk with the BCP's Brimfield Harvest Festival," said Rachael Max, HTAT's Executive Director and Board President. "HTAT is working with Best Friends toward the goal of taking this nation no-kill by 2025. Working together we can accomplish great things all around the country and right here at home for our dogs and cats. We love our community and we know you do too, so help us take action for pets and the people who love them. Join us in saving lives by participating in Here Today Adopted Tomorrow's Ninth Annual Strut Your Mutt® Celebration, and stick around for some fun fall activities at the Harvest Festival!"

For more information about the walk, please visit heretodaysanctuary.org/walk or call 413-324-8224. You can also join HTAT's Strut Your Mutt® team and spread the word about the walk by visiting support.bestfriends.org/goto/htat.

Quinsigamond Community College offers free healthcare training

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education (CWDCE) is once again offering a free Medical Administrative Assistant program and a Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide program, in late fall 2021 and early spring 2022. Each program takes approximately two months to complete.

"These free workforce training programs are one of the ways QCC is making an investment in the community our students live and work," said Kathleen Manning, dean of The Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

The free Medical Administrative Assistants program prepares students to work as Medical Administrative Assistants in health-care facilities such as hospitals and health systems, physicians' offices, clinics, long-term care facilities, surgery centers, ambulatory surgery centers, rehabilitation centers, and other types of healthcare

areas. After successfully completing this course, students are eligible to sit for the National Health Career Association's Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA). The program includes free tuition, textbook and Medical Office Simulation software; Microsoft Office training; Contract Tracing and Infection Control training; and the CMAA Exam fee.

The free Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide program is a dual certificate that will open many doors for students, whether they choose to work in a healthcare facility or home setting. Students will learn about basic patient care, medical terminology, nutrition, patient care procedures, communication skills, basic anatomy, and safety. Basic nursing skills are taught through classroom lectures, nursing labs and clinical practice in a long-term care facility. The program includes free tuition, textbook, scrubs, and the certification-testing fee.

For more information, or to

request an application, email Jo Sundin jsundin@qcc.mass.edu or call 508-751-7921.

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