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Upcoming Dates:
— Tuesdays —
August 12
September 9
October 21

Save The Date

April 26:
Allen College
Alumni Reunion

UnityPoint Health – Allen College Announces an Expansion to Its Simulation Lab at McElroy Hall

The \$3 million expansion will add more than 8,000 square feet to McElroy Hall on the south side of the facility and essentially quadruple the current lab space. The addition will enhance simulated learning for the students in nursing and health sciences programs. In addition to the expansion, an existing space in McElroy Hall will be renovated to accommodate the Skills Lab.

The project will feature:

- Three new classrooms/simulation debriefing rooms
- Nurses’ station
- Four medical/surgical simulation rooms
- Four clinic simulation rooms
- Supply and medication room
- Home health suite
- Faculty office space
- New main entrance and reception area
- Student study spaces

“This is a very exciting project for our team,” stated Dr. Jared Seliger, president of Allen College. “Our country is facing a healthcare provider shortage, and this commitment to our nursing and nurse practitioner programs will help supply the next generation of caregivers.”

The project expects to break ground later this year and could be completed as soon as 2027. The goal is to fully fund this expansion through private donations. To learn more or to make a gift, contact the Allen Foundation at (319) 235-3960.

Mental Health Awareness Breakfast

Friday, May 9, 2025 | 7-9 a.m.

UnityPoint Health
Black Hawk-Grundy
Mental Health Center



Saturday Night Live Alum, Gary Kroeger, has built a career making people laugh, but behind the humor, he has faced personal challenges where many can relate. He’ll share his journey through life, the hidden struggles behind comedy, and the importance of mental health awareness.

Cost (breakfast included)
• Individual ticket: \$60
• Table of 8: \$500

Reserve your spot today!
(RSVP by April 25)
• Online at <https://give.unitypoint.org/25MHB>
• Call (319) 235-3960
• Scan the QR Code





Spring Plant Sale

The Allen College Alumni Association, in partnership with Corner Market & Greenhouse, is hosting a Spring Plant Sale! Browse the selection of patio pots, hanging baskets, bedding plants, herbs and vegetable plants.

Whether you're sprucing up your yard, growing your garden, or searching for the perfect Mother's Day gift, there's something for everyone!

Allen Hospital, Meeting Rooms 1-2-3

- Wednesday, April 30 | 1 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 1 | 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday, May 2 | 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Come early for the best selection—no preorders!

For more information, contact Tamara.Bedard@unitypoint.org or call the Foundation at (319) 235-3960.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month is an especially important time for the UnityPoint Health-Allen Hospital Child Protection Center (ACPC).

The ACPC provides assistance to children and adults who may be victims of abuse or witnesses to crime. The ACPC uses a multi-disciplinary team approach and works closely with the Department of Health and Human Services and law enforcement.

The ACPC partners with many other agencies throughout a 27-county service area to bring awareness to child abuse and prevention efforts. 2024 brought an exciting expansion of services when we took on prevention education from Family & Children's Council.

Thanks to generous donors and funding, all patients seen at the ACPC receive zero bills for services.



Allen Foundation extends our gratitude to everyone who donated, bid, or contributed to our 15th Annual Donate to Educate scholarship benefit. Thanks to your generosity, we raised nearly \$34,000 - our biggest event yet!

A special thank you to our **PLATINUM** level sponsors for their support:

- Steve & Debbie Caughron
- Drs. Jerry & Kathy Durham
- Failor Hurley Construction

Notes from the Executive Director: Mike Lind



There is much to be excited about right now for the Allen Foundation and those we support. As you know, Allen College will be expanding the Simulation Lab to best serve our

students and future healthcare workers. And soon enough, we'll share details about another very important project that we are spearheading to best care for vulnerable children in our community.

We also have one of our great events coming up with the Mental Health Awareness Breakfast, supporting patients of the Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center. This is such an impactful event and we are so happy to have our keynote speaker, Gary Kroeger, share his story.

All of this is coupled with the fact that we are celebrating 100 years of caring and educating in our community. So far, 2025 is shaping up to be a great year as we continue to keep our mission at the forefront.

Thank you to all who are involved in these great initiatives. We are looking forward to many more exciting things to come in the near future!

Mike Lind
Executive Director