

Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence

The purpose of this award is to recognize the graduating student who best exemplifies the Bellin College Values. The award is given in honor of Lucyanna Hitch, who was a nurse, community leader, long-time College advocate and a member of the Board of Trustees. She was also the first Board President for the BSN program. Lucyanna Hitch's dedication to fundraising has enabled many students to receive scholarships.

Eligibility: A graduating student of any program who is in good academic standing.

Criteria: Behaviors which consistently demonstrate the College values of excellence, integrity, community and caring.

Definitions:

- *Excellence* – being the best
- *Integrity* – honest and ethical behavior
- *Community* – collaboration and inclusion
- *Caring* – empowering relationships based on empathy and respect

All applicants must submit a written narrative in APA format, describing how they have demonstrated the College Values throughout their educational program. The student must also request one letter of recommendation from a Bellin College faculty member or an employee of Bellin College who can best attest to the student's achievements. The call for applications is made prior to graduation with a deadline for application submission clearly stated. An individual plaque is presented to the recipient at the commencement ceremony held in spring. The individual's name is placed on a permanent plaque at the College. The recipient also receives a modest cash award.