

2025 – 2026

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing's Advisory Board Members Brief Bios

Melissa P. Emerson, MBA, BSN, RN,

Chief Operating Officer, Bethesda Hospital East & West

CELCON Advisory member since 2022 (current Chair)

A passionate and purpose-driven healthcare executive, Melissa P. Emerson brings over 20 years of progressive leadership experience to her role as Chief Operating Officer of Bethesda Hospital East & West, part of Baptist Health South Florida. As COO, Melissa oversees hospital operations and leads strategic initiatives focused on growth, innovation, and exceptional patient care.



Grounded in compassion cultivated at the bedside, Melissa combines clinical expertise with operational excellence to drive meaningful results. Known for her calm and steady leadership, she inspires high-performing teams, fosters accountability, and builds strong partnerships across disciplines to ensure safe, efficient, and patient-centered care.

Throughout her career, Melissa has advanced collaborative relationships that strengthen community connections and elevate clinical practice. Prior to her current role, she served as Chief Nursing Officer at Broward Health Coral Springs, and previously held leadership positions at Good Samaritan Medical Center as Administrative Director of Clinical Operations and at Delray Medical Center as Nursing Director.

Melissa's journey in healthcare began at Bethesda Hospital in 2003 as a Patient Care Assistant and Nurse Extern. She earned her Associate Degree in Nursing from Palm Beach Community College and later completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration from Florida Atlantic University. She remains closely connected to the academic and local community, serving as Chair of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Advisory Board at FAU, a Board Member of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, and an active fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Outside of work, Melissa enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and their two rescue dogs. An avid home chef and fitness enthusiast, she loves experimenting with new recipes, attending Peloton classes, and is currently learning to golf.

Rosie Inguanzo-Martin

CELCON Advisory member since 2022 (current Vice-Chair)

Rosie Inguanzo-Martin is the CEO and co-founder of Allegiance Home Health. She supervises operations of Allegiance Home Health with more than 300 employees and is responsible for providing strategic, financial and operational leadership while closely working with her senior management team.

The agency is rated five stars quarterly by Medicare and has been awarded HomeCare Elite for several years. She proudly created the “La Luz” Roselia Inguanzo Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund for FAU College of Nursing in honor of her mother, Roselia.



Sherri L. Blechman, RN, MSN, MA

Sherri Blechman is a Registered Nurse and Certified Dementia Practitioner with over forty years of experience specializing in Community Health and Education, Geriatric Care Management, Psychiatric Nursing, and Health Communication. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts, a Master of Science in Nursing with a focus in Community Health and Education from Salem State College, and a Master of Arts in Health Communication from Emerson College. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.



As a skilled advocate Sherri is dedicated to connecting individuals, families, and groups to therapeutic support and resources needed to promote healing, strength, and resiliency.

As a Nurse Care Manager with Morselife Health Systems Sherri collaborated with social workers to support the needs of seniors and their families while helping them to navigate the healthcare system. As a Family Nurse Consultant with Alzheimer’s Community Care, Sherri provided education, advocacy and support to those with Alzheimer’s disease and their families..

Sherri is committed to building relationships and making a difference in her community. She is a dedicated volunteer with the Louis and Anne Green Memory & Wellness Center, Boca Ballet Theatre 4 Parkinson’s Disease, the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Go Pink Luncheon and Hospital Ball committees, and with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

Originally from the Boston area, Sherri worked at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as a clinical nurse on the mental health unit and as a nurse educator in the hospital’s Patient and Family Learning Center. She created, produced and hosted an award-winning public access television show called, “Health Talk” featuring hospital experts highlighting health issues of importance and viewer call-in participation. As a volunteer with the American Cancer Society in Boston, Sherri was active on the public and professional education, income development and special event planning committees.

Marlene Brennen, DNP, RN

CELCON Advisory Board member since 2025.

Marlene Brennen has been an assistant professor at CEL CON since 2012. She teaches at both graduate and undergraduate levels. She is a double alumna of Florida Atlantic University, holding a DNP and a PhD from the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. She is a dedicated clinician with over 40 years of experience in various clinical areas, including medical-surgical care, pediatrics, and women’s health.



Marlene contributes to her community through membership on boards such as the Florida Action Coalition Advisory Council, the Florida Center for Nursing Diversity Council, and the Steering Committee of the Healthier Delray Beach Initiative. She currently practices at the CON Community Health Center as a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner.

Kristine Gobbo, M.A.

CELCON Advisory Board member since 2022

Kristine Gobbo oversees, manages and assesses communication with Florida Atlantic University’s donors, alumni, friends and other external audiences, develops communication strategies and tools to enhance University fundraising and participation, and nurtures relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

With 25 years of communication experience, Kristine has managed complex communication projects in the public and non-profit sectors. Most recently, Kristine oversaw strategic communications related to the launch and continued performance of Florida Atlantic University’s first comprehensive fundraising campaign in 20 years – Transcend Tomorrow: The Campaign for Florida Atlantic University. The goal is to raise \$600 million for Florida Atlantic students, faculty and programs.



Kristine oversees executive communication, development communication, and alumni and community engagement communication for Florida Atlantic’s Division of Advancement. She leads all fundraising communication initiatives, including those with annual gift, major gift, and principal gift donors. Kristine also coordinates and strategizes on communications efforts related to the Florida Atlantic University Foundation Board, Alumni Board, signature events, and other division and university priorities.

Kristine serves on several professional and community advisory boards.

David Kurlander, Esq. LL.M.

CELCON Advisory Board member since 2025.

David Kurlander is an accomplished attorney, recognized for his leadership on community boards and professional committees in South Florida. He has served on multiple nonprofit and community boards, including the Broward Health and Sanitary Board, Deerfield Beach Planning and Zoning Board, where he has guided strategic planning and provided financial oversight to ensure organizations growth and stability. Mr. Kurlander also plays an active role in the legal community as an active member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Civil Practice Committee, contributing his governance expertise to advance the profession. Through these roles, he has demonstrated a commitment to robust organizational governance and accountability, establishing a reputation as a collaborative leader prepared to add value in the boardroom.



Beyond the board service and community outreach, Mr. Kurlander has built a distinguished legal career. He is a seasoned attorney commercial litigation attorney. He has practiced across a wide range of civil matters, from business and personal injury law to construction and probate, reflecting broad industry knowledge. Mr. Kurlander's academic credentials include a bachelor's from FAU in Healthcare administration, a J.D. From Florida Coastal School of Law and LL.M. in Health Law and Policy from Northeastern University. He has lectured on health law topics, teaching peers through Strafford seminars, the Guardian ad Litem Office, and at Northeastern University's law program. This blend of legal acumen, executive experience, and industry-specific insight equips Kurlander with keen perspective on risk management, regulatory compliance, and strategic decision-making, qualities highly valuable to any board's oversight function.

Mr. Kurlander's personal values align with causes such as youth advocacy, education, and community well-being, which drive his choice of board service and pro bono efforts. Additionally, he is a guardian ad litem and a certified educational surrogate, giving a voice to children who cannot advocate for themselves. Mr. Kurlander actively participates with mission-driven organizations for the benefit of the community.

Jodi Lo Dolce, M.B.A., B.S.N., B.S.

CELCON Advisory Board member since 2024.

Jodi LoDolce proudly serves as the chief nursing officer at HCA Florida JFK Hospital, part of HCA Florida Healthcare, the largest health care system in the state.



Prior to joining JFK Hospital, LoDolce was chief nursing officer at the HCA Florida St. Lucie Hospital. LoDolce began her health care career 34 years ago as a registered nurse and held several leadership roles before joining HCA Florida Lake Monroe Hospital as the director of emergency services, where she eventually became the assistant chief nursing officer. From there, she joined HCS Florida Lake Nona Hospital where she worked as the chief nursing officer for nearly three years before joining the team at St. Lucie Hospital.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on the college’s advisory board,” share LoDolce. As a hospital nurse executive, I believe that all nurses have a responsibility to drive improvements in health and lead the way for positive change in health care. As a board member, I will contribute my experience and expertise to support the college’s mission. This role will also allow me to assist in advancing the institution’s focus on excellence, growth, research and fostering strong clinical partnerships.”

LoDolce plans to act as a liaison between the College of Nursing and the clinical practice environment. She also hopes to continue to align with Christine E. Lynn’s vision of providing exceptional nursing care while advocating for the nursing profession.

“I have the privilege of observing many of our nursing students as they complete their clinical rotations, transition into hospital roles as nurse externs and advance from new graduates to experienced nurses pursuing higher degrees,” expressed LoDolce. “Additionally, my position as hospital nurse leader gives me valuable insights into the evolving trends and best practices in health care, which I will bring forward to help guide the strategic development of the college’s nursing programs.”

Barry D. Siegel, Esq.

CELCON Advisory Board member since 2025

Founder & CEO | The Siegel Law Group, P.A.

Florida's Premier Estate Planning, Elder Law & Probate Firm

Barry D. Siegel is the Founder and CEO of The Siegel Law Group, P.A., one of Florida's most trusted law firms in Estate Planning, Elder Law, and Probate. For over 23 years, Barry has helped thousands of families protect their assets, qualify for long-term care, and gain peace of mind through smart legal planning.

His mission was shaped by personal experience—his grandmother, Betty, lacked long-term care coverage and lost her savings paying for care. This inspired Barry to dedicate his career to helping others avoid similar hardships and age with dignity.

Barry's expertise spans Estate & Trust Planning, Medicaid Planning, Asset Protection, and Probate & Trust Administration. Clients value his compassionate approach and practical strategies tailored to their family's needs. Under his leadership, The Siegel Law Group is known for excellence, integrity, and results.

As the firm expands, Barry leads a growing team guided by core values: Compassion, Integrity, Passion, and Teamwork. He mentors attorneys and professionals to deliver the same care and confidence that built the firm's reputation. Barry is also an author (*The Book of Estate Planning Strategies*, *Caught in the Middle*, *Sunshine State Succession*) and respected speaker, sharing his insights with financial professionals and at conferences including the Global Wealth Summit. A Boca Raton resident, Barry is active in the Rotary Club, Alzheimer's Association, Humane Society, and other community causes. He lives with his wife Maria and their family, continuing his life's work: helping families protect what matters most.



Honorary Advisory Board Members

Terry Fedele, MNED, MPM

Honorary Advisory Board member.

Terry Fedele brings over 30 years of healthcare leadership experience, beginning as a registered nurse and hospital administrator at top Pittsburgh hospitals, including Magee Women's, Divine Providence, and Suburban General, where she served as EVP of hospital operations. She also taught nursing leadership at Penn State University. Since relocating to South Florida, Terry has played a key role with the FAU and Boca Raton community.



She is the current Advisory Board Chair of the Caring Hearts Auxiliary that supports FAU's Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center and is an ex-officio member of the FAU Foundation Board. She has held leadership positions with several local charitable organizations, including Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, and the American Heart Association.

Louis and Anne Green

Honorary Advisory Board member.

Louis and Anne Green contributed funding to establish the Louis and Anne Green Memory Wellness Center back in 2004. The building was specifically designed to house a diagnostic clinic and a dementia-specific adult day program while offering counseling, supportive and educational services, and research activities, and is a unique and integral component of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing.



As a result of Louis and Anne's generosity the Memory and Wellness Center continues to meet the complex needs of persons with memory disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD), and their families through a comprehensive array of services, compassionate and innovative programs of care, research, and education.

Christine E. Lynn, R.N.

Honorary Advisory Board member.

Christine E. Lynn is a businesswoman and philanthropist currently residing in Boca Raton, Florida. She has dedicated her life to improving the health, education and welfare of the people of South Florida. Mrs. Lynn was born in Denmark and received her education in Oslo, Norway. A former registered and surgical nurse, she is deeply committed to healthcare and has been a major benefactor of numerous community projects. Many local buildings, schools and medical facilities carry the Lynn name in recognition of her dedication and support in the community. She is Trustee of the E.M. Lynn Foundation, established by her late husband, Eugene M. Lynn. She has been a major donor to Lynn University, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Florida Atlantic University, Stetson University, The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, Hospice, The American Heart Association, Florence Fuller Child Development Center, Boys & Girls Clubs and many other local charities.



She serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Lynn University and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Stetson University, her late husband's alma mater.

She has received numerous awards, including honorary Doctorates from Lynn University, Florida Atlantic University, Stetson University, St. Anselm University and Irish American University, Dublin. In 2013, she received the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor, an award that pays tribute to the contributions made to America by immigrants.

Holli Rockwell Trubinsky

Honorary Advisory Board member.

Holli Rockwell Trubinsky made an estate pledge of \$10 million to establish the Holli Rockwell Trubinsky Eminent Dean in Nursing. This contribution will provide the esteemed dean of nursing with resources to effectively respond to the changing needs of nurses and help transform the dynamic landscape of health care. It also aims to attract and retain the best and brightest leadership to the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and create a positive and significant impact on the nursing profession.

Holli Rockwell Trubinsky has served on the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Advisory Board and the Caring Hearts Auxiliary of The Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center, supporting excellence in nursing in the South Florida community through volunteer activities at Florida Atlantic for many years. She remains dedicated to providing a "hands-on," skills-based approach to education, reflective of the College's mission.



Emeritus Advisory Board Members

Margaret Mary Shuff

Emerita Advisory Board member.

Born and raised in a Chicago suburb, Margaret Mary Shuff married her college sweetheart, John Shuff, immediately after graduation. The two moved around the country for his work with Capital Cities/ABC until they settled in Boca Raton in 1980, where they founded JES Media, the publishers of Boca Raton, Delray, Worth Avenue, 1926 (for The Boca Raton), and the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce Annual Directory. In 1989, the Shuffs expanded their ventures to Salt Lake City, where they published Salt Lake magazine, Utah Bride & Groom and Utah Style & Design. Over the last 45 years, Boca magazine has become the standard for regional magazines, winning countless national and statewide awards for its editorial and design work. Margaret has been involved with Saint Andrew's School, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, FAU's College of Nursing, Junior League of Boca Raton, Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League, Lynn University, and many more. Together, Margaret and her late husband, who died in 2020, are the winners of the Boca Raton Award (Lynn University and the City of Boca Raton), Small Business Leaders of the Year (Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce), Walk of Recognition honorees (Boca Raton Historical Society), and the President's Award. (Gold Coast Public Relations Council).



Marilyn Lee Swillinger

Emerita Advisory Board member.

Marilyn Lee Swillinger was a longtime member of the College of Nursing's Advisory Board, joining during its inaugural year in 2012. Marilyn and her husband, Mark, moved from Chicago to Boca Raton, Florida in 2002, where the couple become immersed in local philanthropy. Through Marilyn's diligent leadership, she advanced the fundraising efforts of numerous South Florida nonprofits and cultural institutions. With the support of her loving husband, she devoted herself to championing causes that were dear to her, with special emphasis on the arts and advancing health care.



Marilyn passed away on October 30th, 2023, and was named as an Emerita Advisory Board member in 2025. Her beloved husband, Mark, continues to support her philanthropic passions and has named the College's Dean Suite and a student classroom in memory of Marilyn. Additionally, he established The Mark Bruce and Marilyn Lee Swillinger Endowed Professorship in Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing providing students with specialized studies in hospice and palliative care throughout their nursing education.

Joan Wargo

Emerita Advisory Board member.

Joan was serving as a charge nurse in the 1950's at Jackson Memorial when she met her late husband, Don, who was also a physician at the hospital. They moved to Boca Raton where Joan and a small group of Boca women helped found the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League to raise funds for Boca's first hospital, known as the "miracle on Meadows Road" when it opened in 1967. Joan sought ways to stay associated with the nursing profession and has become a dedicated community volunteer with over 35,000 official volunteer hours and growing. Beyond being an Emeritus Board Member for CEL CoN, she is also Director Emeritus on the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation.

