

Contact: Jina Paul Vice President, Communications & Development 402 681 3980

PaulJina@ClarksonCollege.edu

## Clarkson College and YMCA of Greater Omaha Sign Partnership to Serve the Community and Help Grow Health Care Workforce

YMCA of Greater Omaha employees, their spouses and dependents receive tuition savings scholarships through new partnership

<u>Omaha, Neb.:</u> Clarkson College is pleased to announce a partnership with YMCA of Greater Omaha, a leader in providing youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility in the community for over 155 years. The partnership offers employees as well as their spouses and dependent children tuition savings and employment growth opportunities.

"The YMCA of Greater Omaha is committed to our cause of strengthening communities," stated Rebecca Deterding, YMCA of Greater Omaha President. "This partnership with Clarkson College allows us to give back to dedicated Y employees through benefits that make a difference in their families and those that they serve, while also helping to lower barriers of access to critical career fields. Powerful partnerships like this allow the YMCA to unlock needed opportunities we could not do independently."

Through the partnership, all YMCA of Greater Omaha employees, as well as their spouses and dependent children ages 23 and younger, will receive a tuition savings scholarship at Clarkson College. The goal of the partnership is to help meet the need for highly trained health care workers in areas of critical need in our community including nursing as well as physical therapy and physical therapist assistants. Clarkson College recently launched a Community Health Pre-Health Professional track for students to earn their bachelor's degree grounded in the hard sciences preparing students for medical school, physical therapy school...etc. These students are ready for graduate school and at graduation are employable in their field of study.

"The YMCA of Greater Omaha and Clarkson College are both grounded in a service orientated framework to support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility," stated Dr. Andreia Nebel, Clarkson College President. "We are honored to partner with an organization that cares about making an impact in the lives of others. Our College family looks forward to offering community events with the Y across the counties they serve in Nebraska and Iowa as well as supporting YMCA employees and their families as they pursue educational opportunities in health care."

For 135 years, Clarkson College has continuously delivered on its mission to prepare students to professionally provide high quality, ethical and compassionate health care services. Clarkson College is a private, non-profit health care college in Omaha, Neb. offering certificate and associate to doctoral degree opportunities in the fields of Nursing, Healthcare Business, Physical Therapist

Assistant, Radiography, Medical Imaging, Imaging Informatics, Community Health, Healthcare Education and Leadership, General Studies, Psychology and Professional Development. The College is nationally accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Learn more at <u>ClarksonCollege.edu/YMCA</u>.

###