

## Memorial Hospital/Manor Gives \$150,000 to Bainbridge College

Memorial Hospital and Manor has pledged to provide \$150,000 annually to Bainbridge College (BC) to support its new Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program that starts in January, BC President Dr. Tom Wilkerson told the BC Foundation at its Annual Meeting.



### *Start of a New Era*

An enthusiastic group of Nursing Program faculty looks on as Bainbridge College President Dr. Tom Wilkerson (left) and Joe Livingston, chairman of the board of the Hospital Authority for Memorial Hospital and Manor, sign the contract by which the hospital pledges \$150,000 in support of BC's new Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program. Attending the momentous occasion were (L-R) Brittney Armstrong, ADN Program Director Faith Garrett, Shelia Ramer and Betty Huskey.

"Bainbridge College is extremely grateful to the Memorial Hospital and Manor for its gracious support of the new associate degree program in nursing," Dr. Wilkerson said. "This gift provides much-needed support for the program for supplies and equipment.

"Much more important is the scholarship portion of the gift that will enable BC students to meet the insurance, travel, and uniform costs associated with the program. The generosity of the hospital represents a profound investment in the health and future of our community and this area of southwest Georgia for which Bainbridge College is deeply thankful," he said at the Oct. 25 Foundation meeting.

In the company of an enthusiastic group of nursing program faculty, Dr. Wilkerson and Joe Livingston, chairman of the Board of the Hospital Authority, signed the contract for the agreement that starts in January. Attending the

signing at BC's conference room were ADN Program Director Faith Garrett, Shelia Ramer, assistant professor of nursing, and nursing instructors Brittney Armstrong and Betty Huskey. Instrumental in the project was Memorial Hospital and Manor Chief Executive Officer Jim Peak.

The agreement specified that \$75,000 per year will be assigned for Bainbridge College ADN scholarships - \$1,500 per semester per student. Recipients will be able to receive \$1,500 for each term they enroll in nursing courses, provided the student has passed all previous semester nursing courses. Memorial Hospital will determine how these scholarship recipients are selected and will handle disbursement and collection of scholarship funds.

The agreement also specified that Bainbridge College will use the remaining \$75,000 each year to pay for program costs related to the Associate Degree of Nursing program.