



CCHS NEWS

APRIL 2008

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

- Apr 2 Last night of alumni phone-a-thon
- Apr 4 Last day for summer early registration
- Apr 5 PTK shoe cleaning project
- Apr 8 Student services information session
- Apr 9 Spring II Midterm
- Apr 11 Scholarship application deadlines
- Apr 14 Open forum with President Sheppard
Gen ed registration opens
- Apr 18 PTK meeting
C. Favorite Scholarship nominations due

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Returning Students: If you plan to use Federal Pell Grant and/or Federal Stafford Loan funds for the 2008-2009 academic year you must complete the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your FAFSA online after completing your tax forms for 2007. Remember to list the CCHS Federal School Code (031042) to ensure that we receive your processed results.

Scholarships: The 2008-2009 CCHS Scholarship Applications are available on the financial aid board (student lounge/mailbox area) and in the CCHS Financial Aid Office (#208). **Deadline for completed applications is April 11, 2008.**

The Hispanic College Fund Scholarship Programs are currently open. To apply to the scholarship programs, please go to <http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/>. To be eligible, students must be Hispanic; maintain a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale); be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; reside in the U.S. or Puerto Rico; be a current or rising undergraduate student or a high school senior enrolling at a college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico; and demonstrate financial need.

For more information, please contact Auri Duarte, Scholarship Program Manager, at aduarte@hispanicfund.org or 1.800.644.4223.

The United Hospice Foundation is offering three \$1,000 scholarships – one each to nursing, pharmacy, and rehab students in Georgia, North Carolina and Florida who have an interest in an end-of-life healthcare field upon graduation (hospice, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities, etc.). Each scholarship recipient will be asked to maintain a “B” average and successfully complete an approved online training course on end of life care through Pruitt University. Most of these courses may be completed in an afternoon.

Students may get a copy of and more information about the Foundation at www.unitedhospicefoundation.org/scholarships.html. The application deadline for the fall 2008-2009 school year is June 30, 2008.

ALUMNI PHONE-A-THON

Carolinus College of Health Sciences has a rich heritage of alumni interaction and participation. One of the many aspects of alumni involvement with the college is to help fund the endowment. On each evening from Monday, March 31st thru Wednesday, April 2nd the college will need students from each program to volunteer with the alumni phone-a-thon project. It will be a great opportunity to help the college and to participate in such a worthy cause. There will be a brief training session at 5:30 each evening. Calling will begin at 6:00. There will be pizza supper provided. Please contact Roy Smither in room 250 or Kim Bradshaw in room 208. Last year was the largest ever. We hope we can surpass that this year.

PHI THETA KAPPA UPDATE

Meetings: Our next fellowship event will take place on Friday, April 18th at the home of Maurine Holmes. Directions to her house will be placed in your mail box with the time TBA. We will post a sheet to sign up to bring a dish of food to share, and please bring your favorite movies/games. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, May 22nd at 11:30.

Service Project: Our recent “Share Your Soles” shoe drive was very successful and we’d like to thank everyone who donated. We now

need your

help cleaning all of them so we can ship them. Our shoe cleaning party will be held on Saturday April 5th at school with the time TBA so look for flyers around school. If you are able to, please bring buckets, cleaning cloths and any other cleaning supplies you can use to clean shoes.

Save The Date: Sara Masters, PTK Advisor and nursing faculty member, will hold a graduation luncheon at her home. All PTK graduates, as well as any student who wishes to come, are invited to join in the celebration. Date is Tuesday, May 6th. There is no cost to graduates and just a \$5.00 cost to those who are not graduating. Also, the PTK sponsored blood drive will be on Thursday May 22nd so look for flyers for more information.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society not a traditional fraternity/sorority. For more information about joining please contact one of our advisors Cathey Miller and Sara Masters or any of our board members; Meredith Sutton, Michelle Miller, Tiffany Holcomb, and Adam Pohlig.

OPEN FORUM

Every month Ellen Sheppard, President of CCHS, sets aside time to listen to your concerns or just talk about issues important to you and your success. She will be available on Monday, April 14 from 12:00 - 12:45 in room 137. Come on down, she'd love to hear from you!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Carolinas Simulation Center is now in full swing! CCHS students and faculty, as well as personnel from other CHS departments, are using the Simulation Center on a regular basis. To help us ensure quality instruction and learner confidentiality, when you see anyone in one of the labs, always assume “class is in session” and refrain from tapping on the windows or entering the center. As always, when “Simulation in Progress” signs are posted, your quiet conversation in the hallways is appreciated, especially while sitting in the lounge area outside the Ms. V’s cantina. We appreciate your assistance in helping to make to make everyone’s experience at CCHS an enjoyable one.



LEARN ABOUT CCHS PROGRAM ADMISSION

Student services holds information sessions for those who are interested in finding out about all the programs that we offer. All sessions run from 4 - 5:50 p.m. Check out the daily schedule for room assignments. If you’re a general education student wanting to know more about our programs, contact Joy Godwin at the front desk or call 704.355.5051 to sign up for the session of your choice. The next sessions will be held on April 8 (Room 219) & 22 (Room 219). If you would like more information on our medical technology program, contact Betty Anderson, Program Director, at 704.355.4275. If you would like more information on our emergency medical science program, contact John Tartt, Program Director, at 704.355.1721.

CCHS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CMS ATHLETE SCREENING

On Saturday, May 31st from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sanger Clinic, OrthoCarolinus and Carolinas Medical Center will partner with Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools to do a massive one-day screening here at CCHS. “Heart of a Champion” is a one-day event designed as a comprehensive general, cardiac and orthopedic screening for

2500 high school student-athletes attending Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. During this screening, athletes will receive a general sports screening, an orthopedic athletic screening, a 12-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) and an echocardiogram (ECHO). Volunteers are needed for the entire day or for 1/2 day shifts for a variety of purposes. Please contact Debi Wheeler to sign up to volunteer. You can reach Debi via by phone at 355-7543, stop by her office #220, or email her at Deborah.wheeler@carolinashealthcare.org 12:00 - 12:45 in room 137. Come on down, she'd love to hear from you!

TRISH CAMPBELL TAPPED TO LEAD QEP

Trish Campbell, faculty member in our School of Nursing, has accepted the invitation to serve as the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Team Leader. Earlier this year college faculty, staff, and students collectively identified the focus for our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as *improving students' abilities to access and utilize information*. The QEP is a component of the college's reaccreditation requirements for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The QEP is a 3 - 5 year plan that must focus on improving some aspect of student learning. Over the next few weeks, Trish will be meeting with faculty members and students to begin building her planning team, and also making plans to meet with a wide range of students to gain more insight about your thoughts and needs related to information literacy. Please join us in congratulating Trish on her appointment to this important role for the college.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Our spotlight focuses this month on Erin Cauble. Erin attended Northwest Cabarrus High School and is currently in our surgical technology program and will graduate in May. In her spare time, Erin likes to hang out with her friends although she has been quite adventurous in her past. She has parasailed and swum with the sharks...hopefully not all on the same day! She has a teacup Chihuahua named Roxy. Some of her favorites are pizza, Rascal Flatts, Grease, the movie, and her favorite vacation spot is the Dominican Republic. When asked about the most famous person she'd ever met, Erin shared that her aunt played the character, Blaire, on "The Facts of Life." Erin looks forward to being "done" with school, and married with children.



We would also like to spotlight Anquanetta Cannon or "Netta", who is in her final semester of nursing. Netta is from York, SC and graduated from York Comprehensive High School. Netta came in through our Pre-Nursing program so she is a familiar face around campus and added to that she is also involved in several student organizations. Netta has a son, Anquevious. The most adventurous thing she has ever done (besides being a mom) is a "ropes course." Her favorites include: chicken

and strawberry ice cream (not necessarily together); the movie, "The Color Purple"; and her favorite song is "How I Love the Name Jesus". Her favorite vacation spot is the beach. Her long term career goal is to be a post-op surgical nurse.

IS A GRADUATE DEGREE IN NURSING FOR YOU?

CCHS will host Dr. Gwen Foss, Director of Graduate Nursing Education at UNC Charlotte to speak to interested RNs at 6 pm Wednesday, April 9th. Lobby signage will direct you to the classroom. Free parking will be available in the V lot next to the college off Loop Rd.

GOT ISSUES??

Health care certainly does! Enroll in **IDS 100** this summer and learn how to identify and critically examine challenging issues in health care. This is your forum for discussion of topics such as requests for futile care, euthanasia, informed consent, confidentiality, genetic engineering, the AIDS epidemic worldwide, and professional gate-keeping. You and fellow classmates will conduct mock trials, debate abortion, research racial disparities in this country, and take an in-depth look at cultural issues in health care. Led by Rebecca Troxell PA-C, MSHS, you will learn how to implement ethically acceptable approaches to a myriad of clinical problems. No pre-requisites required, just your own set of values and beliefs and an inquisitive and open mind.

CYNTHIA FAVORITE SCHOLARSHIP

Each spring and fall, the CCHS Student Nurses Association awards a graduating nursing senior with a scholarship gift of \$250 in honor of alumnus Cynthia Favorite. This scholarship is awarded on based on leadership ability, serving as a role model to other students, active involvement in community service or active support of school activities. The award winner must be a current NUR 202 student who has been nominated by a peer. We are now taking nominations for this May's recipient. Nomination forms have been placed in the lobby and in your mailboxes. In addition to the hand written forms, you may also send your nominations to Brenda Vasquez at Brenda.vasquez@carolinashealthcare.org. Please limit your nomination to 250 words or less. Also, remember any student is eligible to nominate any graduating NUR 202 student. Please return these to Brenda Vasquez by April 18, 2008.

NOMINATIONS DUE NOW....

...for Outstanding Educator and Distinguished Alumnus. Take a moment to recognize the excellence you've observed. Print the nomination form from www.CarolinasCollege.edu/online forms.

CONTRATULATIONS: 100% PASS RATE

Please join us in congratulating nursing grads from the December 2007 class, all of whom passed their NCLEX exam on the first sitting! Way to go students and faculty!



COMPLIANCE CORNER

Last month's national patient safety goal focus was on correct patient identification. This month's focus is on improving the effectiveness of communication among caregivers. This can be a very broad and global concept. The following are areas to consider when communicating within your profession:

- When taking verbal or telephone orders, or for telephonic reporting of critical test results, verify the complete order or test result by having the person receiving the information record and "read-back" the complete order or test result.
- Ensure you are documenting using a standardized list of abbreviations, acronyms, symbols, and dose designations that are to be used throughout the organization.
- Measure and assess, and if appropriate, take action to improve the timeliness of reporting, and the timeliness of receipt by the responsible licensed caregiver, of critical test results and values.
- Implement a standardized approach to "hand off" communications, including an opportunity to ask and respond to questions. "Hand off" communication typically occurs when one provider assumes the care of a client from another healthcare provider. It is important that you document the "hand off" communication. For more information go to <http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/NationalPatientSafetyGoals/>