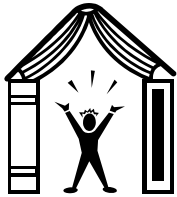


CCHS NEWS

JANUARY

2008



WELCOME!

CCHS would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning students! We welcome 72 new nursing students, 4 new medical technology students, and 29 new pre-nursing students. Also joining this group is one transfer student from Ohio University and three LPNs. We are delighted you've chosen CCHS for your healthcare education and wish you great success in your studies.

We would also like to welcome the 21 new paramedic students who will begin their journey towards a diploma in Emergency Medical Science on Tuesday, January 15 and will be actively engaged in learning the fundamental principles of pre-hospital medicine. You will see these students on Mondays in the clinical environment and Tuesdays and Wednesdays at CCHS for anatomy and physiology. We are truly excited about their presence and look forward to a wonderful paramedic program.

EDUCATION TAX CREDIT FORMS

The 1098-T tax forms from Carolinas College of Health Sciences will be mailed by Jan. 31, 2008. If you have not received your statement by Feb. 16, please contact the business office at 704-355-5579. These forms are for use in filing your 2007 taxes.

There are two education tax credits available, the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. The credits are based on education expenses paid for you, your spouse, or your dependents. During any particular year, you can claim only one of the credits for each student. The amount of the credit is determined by the amount you pay for "qualified tuition and related expenses" for each student and the amount of your modified adjusted gross income (modified AGI). Expenses that qualify are tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at an accredited college, university, vocational school, or other post-secondary educational institution that is eligible to participate in a student aid program administered by the Department of Education.

Qualified expenses **do not include** room and board, insurance, transportation, or other similar personal, living, or family expenses. Qualified expenses may include fees for books, supplies, and equipment only if the fees must be paid to the school for the student's enrollment or attendance. In addition, qualified expenses may include student activity fees if the fee must be paid to the school for the student's enrollment or attendance. Both the Hope Credit and Lifetime Learning Credit may be reduced, or eliminated, if your modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain limits, based on your filing status. You cannot claim either credit if you are married filing a separate return. For additional information on education credits, refer to IRS Publication 970, *Tax Benefits for Education* or contact a professional tax advisor.

FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Refund checks for the spring 2008 semester will be available starting Feb. 7, 2008. Checks will only be issued to students once all their paperwork and been completed and the funds have been received from the lender(s). All first-time Stafford Loan borrowers at CCHS must complete online entrance counseling at [www.mapping-your-](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)

[future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org). Contact the CCHS Financial Aid Office if you have questions.

Promissory notes for the CHS Educational Loan Forgiveness Program (80/20) will be available for completion after the drop/add period is over. Please check your student email and mailbox regularly for updates on the deadline to sign your promissory note for the spring 2008 semester.

After signing and returning your award letter to the CCHS Financial Aid Office, if you want to receive Federal Stafford Loan funds, you must complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) with the lender of your choice. If you decide to use an organization not included on the list that was enclosed with your award letter, please let the Financial Aid Office know as soon as possible. CCHS students receiving Federal Stafford Loans **at CCHS for the first time** must complete online entrance loan counseling at www.mapping-your-future.org.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for the North Carolina Nurse Scholars and Health, Sciences and Mathematics Student Loan Programs are available now! Go to www.cfnc.org for additional information and to apply.

The North Carolina Association of Health Care Recruiters is offering scholarship opportunities open to full time students in North Carolina who are currently enrolled or have been accepted into an accredited nursing or allied health program. The amount of the scholarships to be awarded is \$500. Applications are accepted and reviewed during the spring of each year. The Scholarship Committee will review and determine award selections by January 31. Go to www.ncahcr.org/scholarships.htm for more information and to apply.



YOUR GRADUATING CLASS PHOTO

Each year as a gift to the graduating students, the college has a large composite photo made of their class. Each graduate receives an 11 X 14 souvenir copy, as well as two small individual pictures, ideal for using with the certification exam application! A large framed composite hangs in the lobby for the next 12 months, and a smaller framed version hangs in the portrait hall forever! DON'T be left out! Pictures will be taken in room 240 on Monday, January 28 and Tuesday, January 29. Keep an eye out for the signup sheet which will be set up in the front vestibule. Please sign up for your slot. **All students who will graduate in the year 2008** should have their pictures taken. Gentlemen: please wear white shirt and tie on your picture day; suit coats are optional. Drapes will be provided for the ladies.

SEEKING PT/PRN EMPLOYMENT WITH CHS?

See Nancy Watkins, room 213/704-355-4025, or email Nancy.Watkins@carolinashhealthcare.org for information about jobs for students. Talk with Beatriz Rodriguez, new Recruitment Specialist for NA I and NA II positions at CMC. She will be in our lobby the first Monday of each month from 10am-12pm. In January her visit will be on the first day of class, January 14. Beatriz can also

be contacted directly: Beatriz.Rodriguez@carolinashealthcare.org or 704-446-2101.

MAKE THE GRADE THIS SPRING!

How can you plan for academic success this semester?

- Schedule for daily study time NOW.
- Get to know your instructors early.
- Attend course review sessions. (See your instructor.)
- Arrange study groups with classmates.
- Attend content review sessions for A&P I and II, to begin the second week of classes.
- Call Nancy Watkins (704-355-4025) to discuss study skills and peer tutoring options.

Interested in being a Peer Tutor? Come by room 213 to find out the details about this terrific program.

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ATTENTION MAY, 2008 GRADUATES!

Chenae Graham is the new manager of new graduate placement at CHS. You may contact her at 704-444-3081 or Chenae.Graham@carolinashealthcare.org.

Nursing Graduates: On-site HR interviews to begin the CHS job placement process will take place on Thursday, 1/24/08. Details on scheduling for the interviews will follow.

Radiologic and Surgical Technology Graduates: You will be advised in January regarding the scheduling of on-site interviews to begin the CHS job placement process.

Programs not listed use a different process and will be advised by their program managers. If you have questions, contact Nancy Watkins, room 213/704-355-4025, Nancy.Watkins@carolinashealthcare.org.

NEW FACES AT CCHS

Please join us in welcoming the following new faculty and staff:

- **Jim Jay**, Simulation Laboratory Technician. Jim previously worked in the system's Information Services department and joined CCHS on December 17th. Jim will be working closely with Dawn Swiderski, RN, in the simulation lab. His office is room 221.
- **Carolyn Brown Bayer** has joined us to teach English Literature. Carolyn also teaches at RCCC in the English department and works in their writing center, as well. Carolyn has done some freelance writing in the past and was also involved in drama.
- **Theresa Hall, M.D.** will be teaching two anatomy labs. Dr. Hall is board certified in family medicine. She did her residency here at CMC from 1992 - 1995. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing and worked for a year in the pulmonary/infectious disease unit.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should inclement weather necessitate the delay or closing of the college, we will post that status on local television and radio stations as well as the college's main number (704.355.5043) and web site, www.CarolinasCollege.edu. For announcements regarding delay of the school, 8:00 a.m. is considered the beginning time; hours of delay are counted from 8:00 am.



NEW FURNITURE; NEW SPACE!

Check out the new lobby seating. We hope you like the cleaner look and more stable furniture. Thanks to those who helped select the funky retro fabrics!

Goodbye boardroom. Room 230 has made way for a reconfigured student conversation area. Let us know if you like it.

Coming soon - Expanded Simulation. The new sim lab space will contain task trainers for all CHS students, including residents.

NEW LOCATIONS!

The following moves have occurred. Please visit staff in their new offices:

- Suzanna Thornton, Director of General Education has moved to room 256, past the canteen area.
- Ben Robinson, Instructional Technology Coordinator, has moved to room 221.
- Dr. Janice Terrell, Provost, has moved to room 212, formerly the med tech 5-head microscope room.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

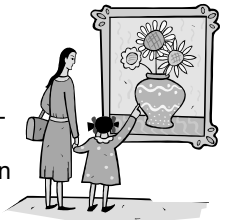
The Community Involvement Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Cheer Projects: Angel Tree, Silver Bells, Reindeer Raiders, and Stockings. With your help, Patty McCrary collected over \$200 for Levine Children's Hospital through the Reindeer Raiders effort. The college filled a total of 25 stockings and turned in gifts for 15 Silver Bells and 20 Angels. Thank you for giving back to the community - what a generous group we have at CCHS!

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 Tuesday, January 22 from 12:30 - 1:15 in room 137. Come on down, she'd love to hear from you!

UPCOMING ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL EVENTS

Over the next two months, the Arts and Science Council will be sponsoring multiple cultural opportunities that YOU can be a part of. First, we will hold a "Walk-4-the-Arts" in downtown Charlotte on Saturday, January 19th. We are also hosting a "Day to Remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."



on Monday January 21st at noon in the college auditorium, as well. Please keep an eye out for flyers and other postings informing you of all of the details and any other fun-filled events!



STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Student Nurses' Association (SNA) would like to welcome you back from the semester break and wish you success in the new year. We invite you to become involved with this student organization if you have not been in the past. This is a very exciting and involved organization that offers opportunities for you to participate in helping to meet community needs, raise funds for scholarships and to offer educational presentations that further your knowledge in the profession of nursing. We invite you to join the SNA if you are interested in making your college experience memorable. By getting involved you make lasting friendships and have opportunities to attend state and national conventions where you can network

with students and hear presentations by renowned speakers from across the United States. Please contact any board member if you are interested in learning more about the SNA.

Our first meeting of the new year is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 24th at 1100 and 1300. To accommodate the majority of schedules we will have two meetings. We will be discussing new fundraising opportunities, upcoming community events, and organizing upcoming speakers. All nursing students are invited to attend. The SNA would also like to congratulate Shelley Wells, December 2007 graduate, who received the Cynthia Favorite Scholarship. The Cynthia Favorite scholarship is an award given to one Graduate each semester who shows leadership and positive role modeling not only at CCHS but also out in the community. Way to go Shelley! SNA would like to welcome the new board of directors:

President – Jenny Roos
Vice President - Netta Cannon
Treasure - Meredith Sutton
Explorers' Student Coordinator – Vanessa Shackelford
Advisors - Janie McCloskey, Brenda Vasquez
Secretary - Amber Halgren

NUR101 representative positions are still OPEN. Please see any board member for further information!

PHI THETA KAPPA UPDATE

Service Project: Phi Theta Kappa would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped wrap gifts for Camp Care. The Little Red Wagon was donated to Levine Children's Hospital on December 13th. Thanks to everyone who donated to this project!

Next Meeting: Meetings for January will be announced via flyers posted throughout the school and the announcement monitor next to the student services suite.

Graduating Seniors: Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! We will miss their contribution to Phi Theta Kappa, and wish them luck in their new careers!

Membership: Flyers will be placed in eligible student's mail boxes in the next few weeks. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society, not a traditional fraternity/sorority. For more information about joining please contact one of our board members: Michelle Miller, Meredith Sutton, Tiffany Holcomb, and Adam Pohlig or advisors: Cathy Miller or Sara Masters.

DEAN'S LIST

Please join us in congratulating the following students who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and made the Dean's List for fall 2007:

General Education:

Anita Marks, Lauren Plyler and Emily Shields

Nursing:

Kelly Asson, Amanda Bowden, Melissa Branch, Kristen Childers, Nicole Cracknell, Megan Crum, Lisa Duffy, Laura Dunlap, Tiffany Holcomb, Maureen Holmes, Jessica Hunsinger, Cynthia Lee, David Liberto, Preeti Patel, Jennifer Richie, Melanie Szykula, Colleen Touranjoie and Eleanor Wanner

Pre-Nursing

April Bryant, Ashley Coffey, Samantha Cole, Sarah Cooke, Janie Dowda, Bridget Duncan, Rhoda Farrell, Ashanti Ferguson, Danielle Fowler, Gretchen Harding, Shannon Hyde, Mercedes Jackson, Heather Johnson, Jennifer Lackey, Melanie McNinch, Mian Monahan, Stephanie Moore, Sarah Nieminen, Desire'e Paratore,

Carmen Perju, Michelle Pineda, Ashley Pless, Megan Pritchard, Caitlin Rogers, Sara Rushing, Stephanie Smith, Lauren Sullivan, Kelly Thomas, Melissa Tyo, Ashley Voss, Casey Westbrook and Caroline Williams

Radiologic Technology

Whitney Jackson, Sarah Probst and Hillary Steindler

Surgical Technology

Heena Nagarji, Khoa Tran and Katherine Yancey

2008 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Carolinas HealthCare System Employee Assistance Program (CHS EAP) is pleased to announce their 2008 Winter and Spring Educational Offerings. The classes are FREE to employees, spouses and dependents. To register for these classes please call 704-355-5021 or 1-800-384-1097. CHS EAP is designed to help you and members of your family with all types of issues - marital conflicts, job stress, emotional, alcohol and drug problems and difficulties with children. Whatever the problem, if you need help call CHS EAP. The following classes will be held in Charlotte:

- Jan. 17 - *Budgeting*, 7:30 - 8:30 am, Learn effective budgeting methods and skills
- Jan. 14, 21 & 28 - *Smoking Cessation*, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Identify strategies for successful cessation

The following class will be held in Monroe:

- Jan. 15, 22 & 29 - *Smoking Cessation*, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Identify strategies for successful cessation

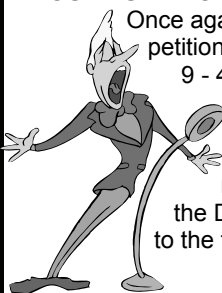
CCHS VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

Thank you to our ambassadors who helped with new student orientation. These students returned early from fall break to greet the incoming new students and give tours and insight on the nursing program. Thanks to Netta Cannon, Jenny Roos, Heather Rimmer, Shannon Armistead, El Wanner, Meredith Sutton and Adam Pohlig.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to the students who served as marshals during the recent graduation in December 07. Thank you Katherine Yancey- Chief Marshal, Lisa Duffy, Tiffany Holcomb, Kelly Johnson, Heena Nagarji and Khoa Tran. We couldn't have done it without you!

YOUR TURN TO BE A STAR

Once again, CHS is sponsoring the CHS Star Search Competition. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 - 4 in Bryant Recital Hall, located in the Performing Arts Center at the corner of Kings Dr. & 4th St on CPCC's campus. All employees are invited to share their talents as either a vocalist or instrumentalist. Finals will be held on Feb. 26 at 7:00 in the Dale F. Halton Theatre, same location. Big prizes to the top three winners!



IMPORTANT DATES....

Jan 14	HR Recruitment Specialist on campus
Jan 19	Walk-4-the-Arts
Jan 21	MLK Tribute
Jan 22	Open forum with President Sheppard
Jan 24	On-site HR interviews for nursing grads
	1st Student Nurses Association meeting of 2008
Jan 28 & 29	2008 Graduate pictures being taken
Jan 31	1098-T tax forms mailed

CAROLINAS COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Quick Reference Sheet

ADMINISTRATION

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	<p align="center">Provost Dr. Janice Terrell Room 135 704.355.4305 Janice.Terrell@CarolinasCollege.edu</p>	

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

<p>Student Services Dr. Hampton Hopkins Room 164 704.355.5525 Hampton.Hopkins@CarolinasCollege.edu Student Leadership, Organizations & Support</p>	<p>Admissions Office Rhoda Gallo/Latisha Watkins/Ann Keathley Room 168 704.355.3243 704.355.5 704.355.8383 Rhoda.Gallo@CarolinasCollege.edu Latisha.Watkins@CarolinasCollege.edu Ann.Keathley@CarolinasCollege.edu</p>	<p>Registrar's Office Vera Logan Room 165 704.355.6676 Vera.Logan@CarolinasCollege.edu Records, Registration & Transfer Credit</p>
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BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL AID

<p>Business Office Kim Bradshaw/Martha Robinson Suite 208 704.355.5584/55579 Kim.Bradshaw@CarolinasCollege.edu Martha.Robinson@carolinashealthcare.org Online Bookstore Questions, Refunds & Tuition/Fees</p>	<p>Financial Aid Office Jill Powell/Lindsay Short Suite 208 704.355.8894/55486 Jill.Powell@CarolinasCollege.edu Lindsay.Short@carolinashealthcare.org CHS Educational Loan, Federal Loans and Grants & Scholarships</p>
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ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

<p>AHEC Library & Information Resource Ctr Medical Education Building (across from the emergency dept) 704.355.3129</p> <p><u>Hours</u> Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Parking, Access Control & ID Badges Annex Bldg. (behind Medical Education Bldg, next to ED) 704.355.3111</p>	<p>Computer Lab Room 153 704.355.7572</p> <p><u>Hours*</u> Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. *Subject to last minute changes, call ahead.</p>
	<p>On-line Bookstore http://direct.mbsbooks.com/carolinascollege.htm</p>	

Tutoring & Placement Services

Nancy Watkins
 Room 213
 704.355.4025
 Nancy.Watkins@CarolinasCollege.edu

Important Phone Numbers

College's Main Number	704.355.5043
College's Main Fax Number	704.355.5967
CPR Renewal	704.355.5699
Disability Services	704.355.5585
Employee Health	704.444.3162
Garden Terrace Apts (TR Lawing).....	704.414.2011
Human Resources (HR employment).....	704.355.2101
Inclement Weather.....	704.355.5043 or website
Presidents Office	704.355.5316
School of EMS.....	704.355.1721
School of Medical Technology.....	704.355.4275
School of Nursing	704.355.5343
School of Radiologic Technology	704.355.2446
School of Surgical Technology	704.355.1547
Security (CHS).....	704.355.3333
Security Escorts.....	704.355.2093

Important Dates

First day of class	January 14
Last day to add a course	January 18
Holiday (no classes).....	January 21
Spring Break (no classes).....	March 10-14
Fall Midterm	March 11
Early Registration for Summer	March 31-April 4
Holiday (college closed)	March 21
Last Day to Withdraw	April 25
Classes End	May 3
Spring Graduation	May 9

Canteen Operating Hours: Ms. V's is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00.