



CCHS NEWS

MAY 2008

WELCOME SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY & PRE-NURSING STUDENTS



While summer is traditionally slow on many college campuses, CCHS continues to roll along. We would like to welcome two groups of new students to campus this semester. We have 10 new surgical technology students and 30 or so new pre-nursing students who will be on campus as of May

15th. WELCOME TO CCHS!

FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Students who receive the Stafford Loan: You must have at least 6 credit hours for the summer term to be eligible for your loan. Your Stafford loan will be credited to your summer 2008 account after we receive the funds from the lender. If you have a credit balance after tuition and fees are paid, you will receive a refund check on approximately June 11, 2008.

Are you expecting aid for fall term? You MUST reapply for aid by completing the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This will require information from your 2007 federal tax information: All students must reapply for the fall 2008 term. The FAFSA may be filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students who have not completed the FAFSA by June 1, 2008 may not receive timely award notifications for fall 2008.

TYLENOL SCHOLARSHIP: Tylenol will be awarding a total of \$250,000 in scholarship money to outstanding students who are pursuing health-related studies. Go to Tylenol.com/scholarship (use access key TYNL) for applications and information. Application deadline is May 15, 2008.

ON-SITE TST CLINICS

A TST clinic for all CCHS students and staff will be held on May 19 from 11:15 - 12. TST's will be available at the college during this time only but if you're unable to make it you can go to the employee health office across from the CMC ED for your free TST, M - F, 7:30 - 4:30.

SPRING GRADUATION



Graduation is just around the corner! Just a few reminders as we head into the final weeks of your time at CCHS. Graduation is Friday, May 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Beatties Ford Rd. Please plan to arrive no later than 6:15 to get dressed and lined up. The awards breakfast and rehearsal begin at 8:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Please remember that this is an event only for the graduates as it is our time to celebrate your success as a college. If you have any special needs at graduation, please be sure to let Hampton Hopkins know so accommodations can be made. There will be time to discuss this at the rehearsal as well. Congratulations on your success!

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, May 5 from 12:00 - 12:45 in room 137. Come on down, she'd love to hear from you!

LOOKING TO ADD SOMETHING SPECIAL TO YOUR RESUME?

SNA is looking for someone to fill the Student Coordinator position for the Healthcare Explorers Program this fall. Explorers is a program through Boy Scouts of America that gives high school students an opportunity to be exposed to different careers within healthcare. Once a

month during the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school year, CCHS hosts a meeting for the Explorer students, with speakers from various specialty areas. The Student Coordinator position is an excellent and fun opportunity to enhance your networking and leadership skills. If you are interested please contact Explorers' Faculty Advisor Sherri Marlow by email to sherri.marlow@carolinacollege.edu or current Student Coordinator Vanessa Shackelford at vanessa.shackelford@cchsmail.org.

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE

New General Education Student Orientation will be held on May 16th @ 2 p.m. If you can not attend, it will be offered on May 19th at 11a.m. as well. New Incoming Pre-Nursing Students Orientation will be held on May 16th from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Application Deadlines! Just a reminder the application deadline to be considered for spring 2009 nursing and pre-nursing is May 2nd. If you are currently a general education, nurse aide or phlebotomy student and wish to enroll in a health care program please submit your application by May 2nd.

Would you like to volunteer at our next New Student Orientation? Serve as an Ambassador? Please see Rhoda Gallo in Room 168 for more details.

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 May 13 & 22 (check bulletin board in lobby for room location). 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.

HEART OF A CHAMPION NEEDS YOU!



Levine Children's Hospital, Sanger Clinic, and OrthoCarolina have partnered with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to provide free sports-screenings to rising high school student-athletes on Saturday, May 31 on the campus of CCHS. The "Heart of a Champion Day" aims to screen 2000 student-athletes in one day and such an ambitious endeavor can only be successful with the support of the healthcare community. We need clinical and non-clinical volunteers. To be a part of this special day or for more information, please see Volunteer for Heart of a Champion on Synapse, go to the volunteer letter and click on the link to volunteer. Even though it says "**volunteer or be a primary care physician**" this is where you sign up to volunteer. All CCHS students are welcome! (Also good for your resume.)

PHONE-A-THON WINNERS

The 2008 Annual Alumni Phone-a-thon was a huge success! We raised over \$11,375. We held daily contests to see who could raise the most money and the winners were: Melanie Szykula, Jill Peters and Carmen Perju. Additional congrats to Jill Peters for raising the most out of all three nights. Thank you to all the students who participated in the phone-a-thon. **You make a difference!**



WANT TO WORK AS A NURSE AIDE?

Beatriz Rodriguez, CHS Recruitment Specialist, NA I and NA II positions, visits CCHS on May 19. Look for Beatriz in the lobby from 10:00-12:00. You may also contact her at 704.355.5027 or Beatriz.Rodriguez@carolinashhealthcare.org.

ΦΘΚ PHI THETA KAPPA NEWS

Graduation Luncheon: Attention May Graduates! Sara Masters is hosting a luncheon at her home on May 6 for students graduating this spring. Festivities start at 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to May graduates and all others are welcome to join in the fun; cost for non-grads is \$5.00 payable at the door.

May Meeting: Our next regular meeting will be May 22nd at 11:30 a.m. Agenda items: new board members and events for the summer.

Fellowship: The Yahoo group are planning to get together soon for some summer fun and fellowship! To sign up, please send an email request to MerSut86@aol.com and you will be sent a link to request membership.

Blood Drive: PTK is sponsoring a blood drive on May 22nd. Additional information to come, so look for the flyers around school. Please donate if you are able, it may help save a life!

Future Board Members: Interested in beefing up your resume? Why not become more involved in PTK? We have various board member positions opening up due to graduating office holders, particularly the Vice-President position in May. We will also have the President and Secretary positions opening at the end of December.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society, not a traditional fraternity/ sorority. Anyone interested in board member positions or information on joining PTK can contact our advisors; Sara Masters or Cathy Miller, or any of our board members; Meredith Sutton, Michelle Miller, Tiffany Holcomb or Adam Pohlig.

NCLEX-RN COURSE OFFERED BY AHEC

No one else helps you get ready for the NCLEX-RN® like Sylvia Rayfield & Associates. Bring your crayons and dress comfortably. You will have fun and feel confident learning the following techniques:

- Whole brain learning methods, color, images, and music
- How to prioritize and delegate
- Test taking strategies

In addition, the course will focus on questions and topics that appear most frequently on the NCLEX-RN® so you can focus on the things YOU NEED TO KNOW! Cost is \$260.00 Early Bird Registration Fee (before May 14, 2008); \$290.00 Registration Fee (after May 14, 2008). This fee includes the 3-day workshop and two books (Nursing Made Insanely Easy and NCLEX-RN® 101: How to Pass! 5th edition). For more information about this workshop or online registration, please visit our website at www.charlotteahec.org or contact May Cheung, RN, MSN at (704) 512-6531.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Khoa Tran is a CCHS Surgical Technology student anticipating May graduation. Khoa was nominated as student of the month as a result of his outstanding performance in the clinical area. Khoa's performance was so impressive that the orthopedic surgeon he was assisting in surgery wrote a letter recognizing Khoa's skills. In the letter the surgeon wrote, "In my entire 30 years of practice in the operating room, I do not recall a time when a surgical tech did any better and, in most cases not as well as Khoa Tran in his performance of his duties". Khoa's instructors describe him as a hard working student

who particularly excels in the clinical component. While attending CCHS, Khoa served as a graduation marshal in the December '07 ceremony. Following graduation May 9th, Khoa will be joining the orthopedic staff with CMC's Department of Surgical Services. Both the nominator and the nominee will receive a \$5 meal ticket to be used in the CMC cafeteria.

STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION NEWS

SNA would like to thank everyone who participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk-for-a-Cure on Saturday, April 19th. The weather was absolutely beautiful the walk raised well over \$1.5 million to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research. We would also like to thank all those that participated in the bake sale and 101 info session on what to expect in intermediates April 28th, it was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without your help!

Become a student leader with the SNA. We are currently looking to fill board positions, we have positions open in the role of Vice President and Secretary and the Treasurer's and Explorer scouts positions will be coming open soon. See any current Board member for info. Your current board is as follows:

Jenny Roos - President
Netta Cannon - Vice president
Amber Halgren - Secretary (taking Presidents position in the fall)
Meredith Sutton - Treasurer
Vanessa Shackelford - Explorer scouts coordinator

Thanks to all of you who submitted a nomination for the Cynthia favorite scholarship, keep an eye on June's newsletter for the announcement of the recipient. Start thinking now about who you would like to nominate for fall graduation. We look forward to an eventful summer and fall and keep your eyes on the bulletin boards around school for updates and meetings.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Employee Assistance Program (CHS EAP) is pleased to offer the following FREE classes; open to employees, spouses and dependents. To register 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:

- May 22 - *Dealing with Difficult People*, 5:30 - 6:30 am, Build skills to improve communication with others
- May 29- *Goal Setting*, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Create strategies to achieve the results you want

HELP WANTED

NA needed for private duty "sitting" for a patient at Presbyterian Hospital. No set schedule. You tell me what nights you can work. Contact Meg at clr@carolina.rr.com or 704-618-2366.

JUST A REMINDER....

With warmer weather approaching, keep in mind...while CCHS is a college, it is also a professional school affiliated with a very conservative, very large organization to whom image and customer service are important. Micro-skirts, short-shorts, cleavage and/or midriff baring tops or similar apparel are not appropriate on either the CCHS or CHS campus. Because professional dress is expected of everyone with a CHS badge when in CMC, please do not cut through CMC on your way to the college unless you are professionally dressed.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

A big thank you to the NUR202 Leadership Students who have graciously given their time and talents to mentor and work with the intermediate level students during this past spring semester. Your professionalism and dedication to excellence are the very ideals the nursing faculty strive for every day and we are very proud of you! Both alumni and current students can be mentors and tutors. We appreciate the support our alumni have given and encourage you to continue participating after graduating.

We would like to acknowledge the following peer tutors: Kristy Bochniak, Jennifer Buell, Lisa Duffy, Corinna Edwards, Colleen Hager, Tiffany Holcomb, Jessica Hunsinger, Kirsten Langston, David Liberto, Rachel Norris, Jennifer Richie, Meredith Sutton, Melanie Szykula and Eleonore Wanner. You have contributed your time and energy to help other students realize their goal of becoming healthcare practitioners. We are grateful for your service.

SPRING 2008 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday May 5	Tuesday, May 6	Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, May 8	Friday, May 9
NUR 101 11:00am	RAD 203/213 730am	RAD 111/112 7:30am	NUR 100 1:00p	BIO 101 9:00am All sections
SOC 101 3:00pm	BIO 100 8:00am	IDS 102 1:00pm	PSY 101 2:30pm	BIO 102 9:00am All sections
ENG 201 1:00pm	BIO 103 Final Exam for SUR Students only 10:00 am		NUR 151 9:00am	
ENG101 11:00pm			NUR 152 9:00am	
PSY 102 1:30pm			NUR 153 9:00am	
MAT 101 All Sections 2:00 pm			NUR 154 1:00pm	
IDS 103 100pm			NUR 155 9:00am	
SUR 103 9:00 am			MAT 201 3:45 pm	
			BIO 103 9:00 am All Sections	

NOTES:

NUR 202 final exam is scheduled for March 18, 2008 (11am – 2pm)
 Graduating Students Grades are due May 7th at 9am (including NUR 202, SUR 103, RAD 203/213, ENG 201, IDS 100, IDS 103)
 All other grades are due by May 13th at Noon



**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER...**

- May 2 New student nsg & pre-nsg application deadline
- May 3 Full Spring & Spring II classes end
- May 5 Open Forum with President Sheppard
- May 6 PTK grad luncheon at Sara Masters' house
- May 5 - 9 Full Spring & Spring II Final Exams
- May 9 GRADUATION!!!
- May 13 Student services info session
- May 15 - 16 New student orientation
- May 16 New incoming pre-nsg orientation
- May 16 & 19 New student gen ed orientation
- May 19 Summer and 7-wk classes begin
TST clinic in the lobby
NAI & II recruitment specialist on campus
- May 22 EAP Class
Student services info session
PTK meeting
Blood drive
- May 23 Registration/Drop/Add ends
- May 26 HOLIDAY - No Classes (college will be open)
- May 29 EAP Class
- May 31 Heart of a Champion screenings on campus

COMPLIANCE CORNER:

This month's compliance corner focuses on protocol for the patient with an alias name who has been removed from the hospital patient directory. A patient's can be given an alias if deemed necessary by nursing administration or risk management. Aliases are generally authorized for enhanced patient safety and security purposes. Patients admitted under an alias shall NOT be disclosed to anyone who is not part of the treatment team, or involved directly in billing or healthcare operations involving the patient. Those staff having access to patients who are using an alias must use extreme caution when discussing any aspect of the individual's case/care. The alias will include a middle name designation of "zzzz" to provide consistent means to identify the patient with an alias. Patient identification, care initiatives and/or consent for treatment shall be performed/completed using the alias. Upon discharge, medical records will revise the patient's name in the computer system, and will print a new face sheet with the patient's legal name. The medical record will be then filed under the patient's legal name.