

May 2008 Commencement Speaker
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Nahum Named May 2008 Commencement Speaker

Charlotte, NC – Carolinas College of Health Sciences has secured Victoria Nahum, co-founder and executive director of Safe Care Campaign (<http://www.safecarecampaign.org>), an organization concentrating on infection prevention within the American health care environment, as our May 2008 commencement speaker. “I can’t think of a better way to send our graduates off into their health care careers than with the advice of personal responsibility offered by Ms. Nahum,” states Dr. Ellen Sheppard, president of Carolinas College. “Ms. Nahum’s offers a positive look at her tragic experience that encourages health care providers to transform their personal behavior.”

Ms. Nahum’s work focuses on partnering with health care providers to implement comprehensive ways to prevent health care acquired infections that each year in the United States impact millions of patients. A staph infection survivor herself, Ms. Nahum and her husband Armando founded Safe Care Campaign in 2006 after several members of her family experienced infections while receiving treatment at different hospitals in three different states. In October of 2006, her stepson Josh died as a result of an infection at the age of 27. His story has been featured on many national television and radio programs including the *CBS Evening News* and *Fox News*, as well as in numerous journals and publications including *Infection Control Today*.

Ms. Nahum partners with hospitals and health care systems to raise awareness of infection prevention initiatives. Through the sharing of her personal tragedies, she reminds health care providers of the everlasting impact of their great and noble work. Speaking frequently across the country, she presents a powerful and encouraging message of shared loss as an impetus for transforming behavior change.

Ms. Nahum is a member of the Joint Commission’s Patient and Family Safety advisory board and is currently producing a patient safety video project in conjunction with the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC).

Carolinan College of Health Sciences Spring 2007 commencement ceremony is Friday, May 9, 2008 at 7:00pm at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. The college will graduate 63 students in nursing, radiologic technology, and surgical technology.

Carolinan College of Health Sciences is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges to offer associate of applied science degrees, diplomas and certificates. Offered are programs in health care education leading to careers in nursing, surgical technology, radiologic technology, medical technology and emergency medical sciences, as well as individual classes in the sciences and liberal arts.

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