



CCHS NEWS

JUNE 2008

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

June 12	Clinical placement in preceptor requests due
June 13	PTK induction ceremony
June 16	Open Forum with President Sheppard
June 30	TST Clinic

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY REGISTRY EXAM

Beginning in 2008, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) went online with computer-based exams. This format change will allow examinees a better opportunity to review questions that were skipped for the sake of time and an easier review of the overall exam. In addition, an instant grade is obtained after the test is completed and submitted. The 2008 graduates have kept the rich and powerful tradition of the CCHS Radiologic Technology program alive. All of the graduates passed the exam on their first attempt. Congratulations to the faculty and staff for producing another group of well trained technologists!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Please fill out a 2008 - 2009 FAFSA as soon as possible.

HIPAA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Your favorite aunt is in CMC, and you stop by her room for a visit after clinical. Her daughter pulls you out into the hall and tells you that she has some concerns about her mom's care. She asks you to read the chart and to let her know what is going on. How should you respond? (See last page for the answer.)

OPEN FORUM

Every month Dr. 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, June 16 from 12:00 - 12:45 in room 137. Come on down, she'd love to hear from you!

ON-SITE TST CLINICS

A TST clinic for all CCHS students and staff will be held in the college lobby on June 30 from 11:15 - 11:45. 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. If your birthday is in June or July, please get your TST now!

ATTENTION NUR202 FALL SEMESTER STUDENTS

Those of you who will be enrolled in NUR202 for the fall 2008 semester, please submit your request for clinical placement in the preceptorship by Thursday, June 12, 2008 to Lois Cook at Lois.Cook@carolinahcollege.edu. You may also leave the form in the box on her door - Room 120. Please check your college email account for the form. We look forward to meeting all of you on August 22, 2008 (Friday) for a required orientation to NUR202.

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 Spring 2008.

General Education

Jenna Crane, Shannon Helms, Michael Pinto, Abigayle Price, and Camie Scott

Nursing

Kara Batterman, Amanda Bowden, Melissa Branch, Celeste Carter, Kristen Childers, Nicole Cracknell, Lisa Duffy, Danielle Fowler, Ashley Gunzelman, Colleen Hager, Megan Hennessey, Jacquelyn Herman, Maurine Holmes, Jessica Hunsinger, Jennifer Janes, Suzanne Lange, Kirsten Langston, Cynthia Lee, Rachel Moore, Maria

Obraztsova, Joo Ran Park, Jessica Purser, Patricia Reese, Jennifer Richie, Sarah Copeland Riley, Michael Rogers, Frances Sanford, Lindsay Scales, Erin Shope, Adrienne Stevens, Meredith Sutton, Calli Thompson, Colleen Touranjoe, Eleonore Wanner, Kristin Warner, and David Weih

Pre-Nursing

Kristina Arrigo, Ashley Coffey, Samantha Cole, Dana Coley, Phoebe Costner, Deidre Crowell, Bridgett Duncan, Julie Farley, Sarah Jarrell, Heather Johnson, Jennifer Kiffor, Jennifer Lackey, Miari Monahan, Sarah Nieminen, Elizabeth Pagoota, Rachel Palmer, Ashley Pless, Jhezielle Punay, Caitlin Rogers, Krystalyn Smith, Kenderra Stanton, Kelly Thomas, Ashley Voss, Casey Westbrook, and Sandra Wilson.

Radiologic Technology

Lauren Crisco, Samantha Hawkins, Whitney Jackson, Heather Lytton, Michelle Miller, Lysette Perez, Sarah Probst, Hillary Steindler, and Jennifer Wilson.

Surgical Technology

Erin Cauble, Kelia Howell, Heena Nagarji, Jason Serafini, Khoa Tran, and Katherine Yancey.

ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SEMESTER!

- Do you have a workable schedule and plan?
 - Be in close contact with your instructors and advisor.
 - Social learners: Join or create a study group.
- See the Student Success Coordinator, Nancy Watkins, in room 213 (704-355-4025; Nancy.Watkins@carolinashalthcare.org) for additional strategies and/or peer tutoring. Keep room 213 in mind as a possible study area for individuals or small groups.

INTERESTED IN PART-TIME OR PRN WORK AS AN NA?

Contact Nancy Watkins at CCHS or Beatriz Rodriguez, CMC Recruitment Specialist, at 704-355-1954 or Beatriz.Rodriguez@carolinashalthcare.org.

INTERESTED IN PT/PRN STUDENT WORK AS A QUALITY AUDITOR? The CHS Quality Division is hiring students to work on reviewing and auditing patient charts and back loading files in preparation for transitioning to electronic records. No experience necessary but applicants need to be enrolled in a health care program at CCHS or Mercy SON, and must have identifiable pockets of free time during the week when they are available to work. A representative will be in the main lobby on Thursday, June 26, from 9 - 10:20, with an information session campus interview being held in room 201 from 10:20 - 11.

TWO NEW FEATURES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We are initiating two new sections to the student newsletter. Studies show that "institution fit" and campus integration are important to retaining students. We all like a sense of belonging and we want you to incorporate yourself with the college and your classmates. As such, the first is an announcements section. Want to share good news or events you would like others to know about? For example, did you just get engaged, is PTK participating in a health fair, did you just get an acceptance to further your education, are you playing in the Charlotte Symphony? The second new section will be called CCHS Marketplace. Do you have Anatomy and Physiology books you would like to sell? Want to exchange your Microbiology book for General Psychology? Looking for a roommate? Do you have concert tickets but have an exam and can't attend so you want to sell them? All submissions

should be sent to the attention of Pamela Prince at Pamela.prince@carolinashealthcare.org, or contact Pam at 704.355.7010. Her office is room 131. Please keep your descriptions to two or three sentences. Your contact information must be included. The college reserves the right to edit submissions for brevity, clarity and appropriate content. The college assumes no responsibility for the available or accuracy of resources advertised or for loss of any kind due to use of these listings. Items listed are limited based on space available on a first come, first served basis.



MED TECH GRADUATE EARNS HIGHEST U.S. SCORE

In the first quarter of 2008, the highest score achieved by any med tech in the U.S. graduating from a hospital-based program was 702. That score was earned by a CCHS Med Tech graduate! The highest score anyone in the entire country achieved (universities, colleges, hospital-based programs, etc.) was 704. Our CCHS graduate was just 2 points shy of that. Congratulations to Betty, Kimberly, Cyndie, Cynthia, Kelly and Mary on that amazing accomplishment!

PHI THETA KAPPA UPDATE

Meetings: We are suspending regular meetings for the summer but will start up again in August. We are, however, planning to host various fellowship events during this time*. **Induction:** Our next induction ceremony will be June 13th at 1 pm, room TBA. Check your mailboxes for membership information.

Fellowship: Our next event is July 12th from 3 to 7pm, location to be confirmed. Keep your eye on the newsletter and the yahoo group for more information. **T-Shirts:** Interested in a Phi Theta Kappa t-shirt? We hope to place an order later this semester, so keep checking the newsletter! **Leadership:** Looking for further leadership opportunities? The office of vice president is available now, and we are looking to transition new officers into the role of president, and secretary as well, as both of those officers are graduating in December. We have a great time working together on behalf of the chapter: scholarship comes first, and no undue pressure is placed on officers. Below are the descriptions of our offices:

- **President:** coordinates with the board members, advisors, and other members to plan fellowship events, fundraising and service opportunities. Communicates with the members, and runs the meetings, delegates to other board members.
- **Vice President:** assists the president, other board members and advisors, helps to coordinate events, and helps chapter operations run smoothly.
- **Secretary:** Takes the minutes of chapter meetings and posts them on the yahoo group, aids the president by posting flyers and meetings, writes the monthly newsletter.

*For further information, contact Meredith Sutton, Sara Masters, or Cathey Miller

WOW BOX

Want to say "thanks" in a special way to a student, staff, or faculty member who went out of their way to help you? Use the WOW Card program, located in the lobby.

CCHS NEWSLETTER NOW DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME!

Effective immediately, this newsletter will come to you via your CCHS email account. If you aren't using your CCHS email regularly, please set your defaults so that mail to that account is automatically forwarded to your email account of choice. See Lindsay Short in the business office for assistance (room 208).

YOU ARE THE GREATEST!

Thank you to these awesome contributors to the CCHS public good!

Graduation marshals: Lisa Duffy (chief marshal), Melissa Branch, Maurine Holmes, Cynthia Lee, Heather Lytton, Frances Sanford, Melanie Szykula, Colleen Touranjoe.

Heart of a Champion Volunteers: Virtually all med tech students helped stuff gift bags, and most nursing pediatric students spent all day Saturday doing student athlete assessments. Thanks - you made a difference!

Karen Hart was recognized for excellent patient communication which may have saved the life of a clinical patient she was assigned.



CALLING FOR STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

Remember what it was like during new student orientation? You were not sure where to go, you had questions but didn't know who to ask, you wanted to know the short-cuts through the hospital? Do you recall your classmates in the black college shirts that helped you out? Would you like to pay it forward and help out and be a student ambassador? We are seeking volunteers for student ambassadors to help on July 17, and August 18th and 19th. If you would like to be a student ambassador, please see Rhoda Gallo, Admissions Officer, room 168, in student services. There are incentives to being a student ambassador.

Answer to HIPAA Question

Since you were not assigned to care for your aunt, you cannot read her chart. You should explain that your doing so would be a violation of HIPAA laws. Instead, you should encourage and facilitate communication between your aunt, her daughter, and the healthcare team.

COMPLIANCE CORNER:

Improving the safety of using medications is a critical component for patient safety. Many medication errors occur annually because of medications which have similarities in spelling and/or pronunciations (i.e., look-alike or sound alike names). Most dangerous is when two drugs from very different therapeutic classes have similar names. This can result in effects on the patient that are grossly different from those intended as part of drug therapy. Hospitals at a minimum, annually review a list of look-alike/sound-alike drugs used by the organization, and take action to prevent errors involving the interchange of these drugs. As healthcare providers, the three check procedure is important to ensure your eyes don't see what you mind is anticipating. So let's look at some examples:

Celebrex (anti-inflammatory) Celexa (anti-depressant)
Cerebyx (anti-convulsant)

Narcan (opiate antidote) Norcuron (muscle paralyzing agent)

Quinine (anti-malarial) Quinidine (cardiac anti-dysrhythmic)

Zocor (anti-cholesterol) Cozar (anti-hypertensive)

Zofran (anti-emetic) Zosyn (antibiotic)