



CCHS NEWS

March 2008

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.....

- Mar 7 PTK Shoe Collection Deadline
- Mar 17 Open Forum
TST Clinic Main Lobby
- Mar 20 PTK Meeting
- Mar 25 PTK Meeting
- Mar 28 PTK Induction Ceremony

UPCOMING SPRING 2008 GRADUATION

With graduation just around the corner, excitement is in the air. CCHS will graduate nursing, radiologic technology, and surgical technology students on May 9, 2008. Graduation will be held at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Beatties Ford Rd., and will begin at 7:00 p.m. If you have not completed your application for graduation, please see student services.

RECEPTION FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

The alumni association will host a reception honoring the May graduates on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Congratulations to all who will be graduating in May!

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, March 17 from 12:00 - 12:45 in room 137. Come on down, she'd love to hear from you!

YES! CCHS IS WIRELESS!

Not only is CCHS a wireless facility, it is also "guest wireless." That means anyone with a laptop and a compatible wireless card can access the internet from anywhere in the building. We hope this facilitates your research and study. Your library - the AHEC Library and Information Resource Center, located in the Medical Education Building near the emergency room - is also wireless, for your study convenience. And speaking of the AHEC Library and IRC...if you haven't been lately, please pay a visit. The second floor, also wireless, has several quiet study rooms for your use!

COMPUTER LAB NEWS AND HOURS*

Currently the computer lab position is being staffed by a temporary employee - Rita Shuba. If she is not available, please see Ben Robertson (Room 221) for assistance.

Monday - Thursday	8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

*Hours are subject to change so please call ahead (704-355-7572) on weekends to ensure that the lab is open. As a reminder...food and drink are not allowed in the lab.

CCHS TAKES THE TOP PRIZE IN FUNDRAISING FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!!

CCHS was the most outstanding fundraiser among all the divisions in Carolinas Health-Care System in this year's ASC Campaign. CCHS collected an amount which was 232% of our system-set goal! The recognition was also based on the number of staff and faculty who responded by turning in their pledge sheets, and CCHS had 100% participation. Thank you to all the students who participated in the Walk-4-the-Arts activity and helped us reach this goal. Thank you also to our fundraising co-chairs Joy Godwin and Ann Keathley and to their tireless committee. Our trophy, an autographed NFL football, is on display in the glass



lobby cabinet.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR OR A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

The CCHS Board of Directors will select the 2008 Outstanding Educator and the Distinguished Alumnus from among your nominations. Nomination forms are available online (www.CarolinanCollege.edu/forms) or at the front desk.

ON-SITE TST CLINICS

A TST clinic for all CCHS students and staff will be held on Monday, March 17th from 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. 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.

SENIOR PARKING

Carolinan Medical Center continues to grow and expand and construction seems to be a never-ending presence on the campus. All of this growth is wonderful for the hospital and for the college as it provides for new positions and a continued strong presence in the community. However, growth does have its downside. The opening of the Levine Children's Hospital has caused the need for more parking spaces and the recent construction has displaced some parking lots from normal use. This has changed the arrangement the college has had for senior parking. Effective with the summer 2008 semester, we will no longer offer special parking for senior students. All students will park in the Morehead Medical Plaza parking deck throughout their tenure at the college.

PARK IN YOUR ASSIGNED SPACE

The college has recently received a complaint from the residents of Lombardy Circle regarding students parking on the street. It is important that we be good neighbors to the folks who live around us. Please remember that students are assigned a space in the Morehead Medical Plaza parking deck and the college expects students to park in their assigned space.

PHI THETA KAPPA UPDATE

Fellowship Events: Thanks to all who participated in our February event at Brix Pizza Uptown. Our next event will be on April 18th, so look for the flyers posted around school for more information.

Meetings: Our next regular PTK meeting will be March 20th at 11:30 or March 25th at 11:00. We hope to see you there!

Service Project: PTK would like to thank everyone who donated shoes for our "Share Your Soles" service project, it is greatly appreciated! The project has been extended through March 7th, so please continue to bring in your new and gently used shoes. We will need everyone's help to clean, polish and ship all the shoes. We are planning to do this March 29th, so be ready to get dirty and wear old clothes.

Communication: If you haven't yet joined our yahoo group, please send an e-mail to PhiThetaKappa_CCHS-subscribe@yahoo.com. This is a great way to keep up to date on all that is happening in PTK. You can view upcoming events, send messages and view meeting minutes.

Membership: The induction ceremony for our new members will be Friday March 28th. Just as a reminder if you received an invitation to join PTK in your mailbox, **the deadline for applications for membership is March 25th.**

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



SACS AT CCHS

Did this heading catch your eye? SACS is the acronym for our institutional accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Every 10 years CCHS is reviewed by SACS evaluators to determine our compliance with over 70 quality requirements and standards. Our 10-year review is scheduled for 2010, so you will be hearing your faculty members and other college employees talking about SACS and the QEP, and their involvement in our process to ready the college for this important review. One of the standards against which the college will be reviewed requires development of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Thanks to all of you who responded to our QEP survey last month. Responses to the survey from students, faculty and staff indicated agreement that the focus of the college's Quality Enhancement Plan should be on *improving students' abilities to access and utilize information* (i.e., locating, evaluating and applying new knowledge). The QEP development teams are being formed in March and you will be hearing more about how you can be involved in the QEP in coming months.

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



This month's student of the month is Shannon Pope, Nursing Student and SGA President. Shannon's clinical instructor has reported that she shows excellence in client care at Carolinas Medical Center. She made up a game to get a 2 year old client who was diagnosed with cancer to take his medication. He had refused to take it until Shannon used her knowledge of growth and development and her kind, gentle spirit to introduce this game to him. She did an excellent job of working with him and his mother in giving him this medication.

Shannon has made a difference in this child's life that will last a lifetime and ultimately will hopefully allow his body to heal. Shannon has shown that she is compassionate and understanding and she is going to make a terrific nurse! Shannon is the President of Student Government Association. She has been a true leader. She is active in bringing an agenda to challenge SGA to do projects to engage our student body in events to help themselves and others. She is currently researching bringing a form of the LiveWell program to our students. She has been faithful to rally members of SGA to attend meetings. Under her leadership SGA will be holding its first Student Open Forum on March 18, 2008. Her desire is for SGA to be the voice of our student body to administration. She is a great asset to our college!

STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Several years ago we lost a beloved graduate named Cynthia Favorite. She developed a brain tumor while attending CCHS. After she graduated, she went on to work as a nurse for about four years before the tumor returned and she passed away. Each graduation the Student Nurses' Association awards a graduating senior with a gift of \$250 in her honor. The scholarship is 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 is nominated by a peer. Look for nomination forms beginning mid-March in the lobby and in your mailbox. In addition to the hand written forms, you may also send your nomination to Brenda Vasquez at Brenda.vasquez@carolinashealthcare.org. Please limit your nomination letters to 250 words or less. Please return these to Brenda Vasquez by April 18, 2008.

Speaking of supporting your school, SNA is looking to fill upcoming vacancies on the board. Spots to be filled are Vice President and President. Please see Brenda Vasquez, Janie McCloskey or any current SNA board member for details.

Also, along with SGA and PTK, we would like to encourage ALL students to help support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by buying a "link" in the "chain of life for a cure." All funds raised will go to support the Abbey's Anatomy, "McCuties for a Cure" team in the JDRF walk for a cure at Carowinds on April 19, 2008. Our goal is \$1000, and we KNOW we can do it with all of your support! Watch the bulletin board for the next SNA meeting and speaker!

On Feb. 23 several members of SNA participated in the Women's Heart Health Fair at South Park Mall, several hundred women from all backgrounds were given basic screenings such as blood pressure, BMI and Waist Circumference, and Cholesterol and blood sugar readings, to get a basic look into the heart health of these women. SNA would like to take this time to thank all of those who participated and volunteered their time. Also we would like to congratulate Laura Dunlap who won a parking spot in Lot V for volunteering her time. Have a wonderful spring break!!!

CCHS EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!

- Our CCHS placement goal is that 85% of our graduates chose to make a career within a CHS facility. In 2008, we exceeded that goal. A record percentage of the December nursing class (92%) accepted positions within CHS.
- Final pass rates are in for most 2007 graduates. 100% of rad and med tech graduates passed certification exams on the first writing of the exam. The December nursing class has one graduate who hasn't taken the NCLEX yet, but if he/she passes, the class will be at 100%!
- According to state boards of nursing data, last year CCHS nursing was in the top 8% of nursing programs in certification pass rate, and in the top 11% of the nation!

STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION SESSIONS

Student services holds information sessions for those who are interested in finding out about all the programs that we offer. 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. Upcoming sessions are scheduled on March 4 & 18th at 4:00 p.m.

CCHS STUDENTS LEND A HAND

The IDS202 Leadership class went to Crisis Assistance Ministry on Tuesday, Feb. 19th and helped sort through the clothes as part of their servant leadership experience.



The School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences is collecting old cell phones for the Battered Women's Shelter. Please give them to Betty Anderson in room 132.

WOW CARDS...

...are one way we at Carolinas HealthCare System and CCHS recognize excellence among our colleagues. The following are among the WOW card recipients for January and February:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Janice Terrell

ADMINISTRATION

Lori Lieving

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Ben Robertson and Lindsay Short

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCE

John Tartt

GENERAL EDUCATION

Tim Dienes

NURSE AIDE

Millie Alexander, Lakisha Bennett and Lori Hight

SCHOOL OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Kelly Shirley and Susan Thomasson

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Cathy Borysewicz, April Davis, Tina Friedland, Lynn Jordan, Sherri Marlow, Sara Masters, Jane McCloskey, Alaine Miller, Sherlene Robinson and Brenda Vasquez

SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

Patty McCrary, Cathey Miller and Roy Smither

SCHOOL OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Becky Cuthbertson and Ivy Moore

SIMULATION LAB

Jim Jay and Dawn Swiderski

STUDENT SERVICES

Rhoda Gallo, Joy Godwin, Ann Keathley and Latisha Watkins

ROOM SCHEDULE

Please remember to look at the room schedule to be sure your class your class has not moved for the day. The room schedule can be found on the easel by the front desk or in the student lounge. You can also check the room schedule for the availability of the quiet study rooms and reserve the space by seeing Joy Godwin at the front desk or Ann Keathley in Student Services.

A NIGHT AT MAGGIANO'S FOR ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS

This Wednesday evening, CCHS allied health seniors (med, surg, and rad tech) will receive "the royal treatment" from CHS' New Grad Center. They'll have the opportunity to hear from past CCHS allied health students about life after CCHS, they'll learn more about working for CHS, and they'll get to meet some hiring managers. If you received an invitation don't miss it! If you neglected to RSVP but still want to attend, see Nancy Watkins in room 213.

WHAT'S IN A BRAND?

Shakespeare said, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." but in truth, a brand name says a lot about a product. Think of the Nike swoosh and you immediately think "strength, vitality, true grit." Think of the robin's-egg-blue Tiffany's box. Don't you immediately think "class, quality, luxury?" Carolinas HealthCare System recently completed extensive research which led to two outcomes:

1. We'll be focusing more attention on the name Carolinas Medical Center (CMC).
2. Our tag line "Uncompromising Excellence, Commitment to Care." You'll see it everywhere! Thanks to everyone who stopped by our brand table, and congratulations to our 38 winners!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A&P REVIEWS

<u>A&P I</u>	Monday, 10:00 – 10:50	Room 218
<u>A&P II</u>	Monday, 12:00 – 12:50	Room 161
	Thursday, 10:00 - 10:50	Room 158

IT'S MIDTERM TIME – IS IT TIME TO MAKE SOME CHANGES?

If you are not satisfied with your progress, make adjustments NOW:

- Talk with your instructor and advisor.
- Review study habits and time management.
- Form a study group.
- See Nancy Watkins for study strategies and possible peer tutoring.
- See Susan Bass in the Skills Lab.

Interested in being a Peer Tutor? Come by room 213 or call/email Nancy Watkins to find out the details about this terrific program.

NEW GRAD JOB PLACEMENT QUESTIONS:

Contact Nancy Watkins, 704-355-4025 or email her at Nancy.Watkins@carolinashealthcare.org or your HR representative: Nursing: Vickie Blair, 704-444-3048 Vickie.Blair@carolinashealthcare.org

Allied Health: Erin Harpstrite 704-444-3082 Erin.Harpstrite@carolinashealthcare.org

SEEKING PT/PRN EMPLOYMENT WITH CHS?

Beatriz Rodriguez, Recruitment Specialist for NA I and NA II positions at CMC will be on campus March 17 (first day back after spring break), 10am-12pm. Contact her directly a 704.355.1954 or Beatriz.Rodriguez@carolinashealthcare.or. You can also contact Nancy Watkins, room 213/704-355-4025.

COMPLIANCE CORNER

At a recent conference, an alarming statistic was shared that an estimated 40,000 patients are harmed daily in hospitals in the United States as a result of employee error. During the remaining student newsletters of this academic year, this section will be dedicated to the Joint Commission's 2008 Hospital Patient Safety Goals. Goal 1 is "Improve the accuracy of patient identification." Identifying the correct patient is one of the most critical responsibilities for every employee of a hospital. Unfortunately it is also frequently overlooked or done incorrectly and may lead to patient harm. It is very important to use two identifiers such as name and date of birth because patients can have similar or even the same name. Lets look at once potential scenario: a health care worker is performing the two identifiers and realizes that although the names are the same the dates of birth are different. This patient had been in the hospital for three days when this error was discovered. Hopefully no harm would have occurred, but the potential for an error to have occurred related to inaccurate allergies listing or past medical history was present. This is not just a routine task but vital to provide our patients with safe and quality care.