A time to celebrate!
Commencement and Pinning 2011

May 16, 2011

dates to remember

May 9 – July 29
MCCN summer session

August 15
MCCN fall semester begins

August 22
Convocation (attendance required)

IMPORTANT — Save the Date!

Convocation for the 2011-12 Academic Year

Monday, August 22, 2011
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Church of the Resurrection
6300 East Dublin Granville Road
New Albany, OH 43054

Directions to Church of the Resurrection:

Church of the Resurrection is located about 5.5 miles east of Easton Town Center and just west of the intersection of E. Dublin-Granville Road and Fodor Road.

For detailed directions visit www.churchoftheresurrection.com.

Professional attire — similar to what you would wear in a clinical setting — no jeans or shorts, please.

Attendance at Convocation is mandatory for BSN students, faculty, and staff.

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New Master of Science Graduates Jane Dickson (l) and Tara Williams (r) with Assistant Professor Dr. Kathy Sommers.

Congratulations to our BSN graduates, RN-BSN completion graduates, and master’s graduates who celebrated with friends and family at Pinning on May 6 and graduation on May 7, 2011.

Carrying the symbolic mace and leading the pomp and circumstance was this year’s Faculty Marshal, Brenda Beyer, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor. Our thanks to C. Todd Jones, President and General Counsel, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, who delivered the Commencement address.
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Pinning and Recognition Ceremony Features Accomplishments

**GRADUATE AWARDS** presented at the Pinning and Recognition Ceremony

**Clinical Excellence Award**
The Clinical Excellence Award was presented to Clare Severns, voted by the faculty, as most consistent in outstanding achievement of clinical objectives throughout the program.

**Leadership Award**
The Leadership Awards were presented to Tara Williams (master’s) and Amanda Mitchell (undergraduate). This award is bestowed on the student, voted by the faculty, who demonstrates high scholastic achievement, leadership, creative contributions beyond degree requirements, commitment to diversity, and outstanding service to the community.

**Lamp Award**
The Lamp Award was presented to Patrick Smith. This award is bestowed on the student, voted by peers, who has demonstrated behavior most reflective of caring in the nursing profession as described in the overall philosophy of Mount Carmel College of Nursing.

**Humanitarian Award**
The Humanitarian Award was presented to Erin McKernan. This award is bestowed on the student, voted by peers, who has demonstrated outstanding participation and leadership in promoting community service and a commitment to equity and diversity within the College and the community.

**Inspiration Award**
The Inspiration Award was presented to Kylene Stanley. This award is bestowed on the student, voted by peers, who served as a consistent role model for motivation, positive influence, and encouragement and who inspired others to achieve at their highest potential.

At Pinning, the proclamation was delivered by Emily Berry and Emily Lust; the welcome by Senior Class President Joseph Derr; the opening prayer by Melissa Bally and Amanda Mitchell; the Scripture reading by Cassie Bradford and Erin McKernan; a musical reflection by Sarah Kronk; and the Nurse’s Prayer by Bridget Gorman, BSN, RN, and Morgan White, BSN, RN.

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CLASS OF 2011 MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO SIGMA THETA TAU

Patricia Lynn Adkins
Joshua Aronovsky
Hailey Valene Bechtel
Samantha N. Bennett
Victoria Rae Rhapsody Bond
Cassie Bradford
Gregory Blair Breeze
Danielle Browning
Mary Patricia Bryden
Tracey E. Buskirk
Tara Nicole Crawford
Staci Marie D’Amico
Annette Elizabeth Daniel
Katherine Louise Daprilé
Kaitlyn Michelle Eberhard
Amy Renee Everhart
Jessica Nicole Fannon
Lindsey Marie Flinta
Ashley Brooke Gentry
Allison Dyan Lardner
Tawnya Sue Lawson
Matt Logue
Emily Kay Lust
Robin Lee Machado
Sefenesh Gebeylehu Mamai
Nicole McCrackin
Erin Katherine McKernan
Tiffany Mitchell
Bethany Ann Myers
Miranda S. Neighbarger
Jennifer Renee Neville
Dieu Hau Khoa Nguyen
Jessica Aleise Norman
Rachael Marie Ochs
Elaine Marie Palmer
Paige Ann Perfect
Shannon M. Perry
JoLynn JustinePhillipp
Cassandra Ann Platt
Karley Nichole Poling
Lisa R. Pollock
Meghan Leigh Randolph
Matthew Jacob Reis
Jessie Christine Reynolds
Maygan Nicole Reynolds
Katelyn Riggenbach
Kelli Michel Ringer
Sarah Rene’ Robinson
Amanda Marie Rosencrance
Tiffany Rzemisiewski
Regina Hyewon Sa
Kristin Michelle Schoene
Jason C. Seckman
Clare Elizabeth Severns
Anthony Ray Shiflett
Miranda Lee Shull
Kelsea E. Simons
Patrick Lewis Smith
Amelia Ann Stacker
Kylee Marie Stanley
Kristine Stevenson Stein
Megan Michelle Stenger
Kara Lynn Stokes
Stephanie Stuart
Elizabeth Jean Thiergartner
Maureen Alane Thomas
MaLeah Nichole Thornton
Hannah Dorrian Tiberi
Jessica Nichole Tiller
Kelsey Ann Tinkler
Elizabeth Rose Tokarsky
Megan Michele Troyer
Sarah Vedra
Hannah von Harringa
Phana’ Sharese Walker
Rachel Miranda WegyanT
Jennifer Ann Whitth
Ashley Beck Williams
Nikita Marie Williams
Amber R. Zimpfer
Lyndsey Elaine Ziverts

Please note that this is not an official list of graduates

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Fall 2011 Textbooks

The College will send notification to students via mccn.edu email when the MCCN Online Bookstore is open. Link to the bookstore via CARMELink, www.mccn.edu (Current Students/Student Bookstore), or at http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/mccn.htm

Library

Summer Hours

Please note change in hours for the summer

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday
8 a.m. – 12 noon

Sunday
Closed

Professional reference staff is available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you need professional help or assistance, librarians will be available upon your request, primarily through scheduling time using Signing for Instruction form on the Library website at least 48 hours in advance, or by contacting a librarian in person.

MCCN Publications Receive Awards

MCCN recently received two Prism Awards as part of the annual PRISM Awards Ceremony, sponsored Public Relations Society of America/ Central Ohio.

- Award for Crisis Communications: Active Shooter Drill
- Award for Special Purpose Publications: the College Viewbook

Congratulations to the Office of College Relations on bringing this recognition to MCCN!
Brenda Beyer and Eva Crump Chosen as Recipients of 2011 Faculty and Staff Awards

Each year, the College honors a faculty member and a staff member for their extraordinary commitment to MCCC. Below is a small sample of the many supportive comments by students about the honorees. Our congratulations to the 2011 faculty and staff honorees!

Brenda Beyer, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor — Faculty Recognition Award 2011

* Brenda is the most amazing course and clinical instructor I have ever had. This is a second degree for me, so I’ve been through many instructors. She is truly a remarkable individual who makes sure you understand the basics before you learn the depth.

* Brenda has been one of the most influential instructors. She was responsible for some of the most foundational information and made it her personal initiative to ensure you understood before you moved on. This only increases the validity of this education and the excellence that MCCN nurses are capable of.

* Brenda is caring and extremely knowledgeable in her teachings. I feel that she always has the best interest of her students in mind and expresses the importance of treating our patients holistically and with respect. She is an inspiration to me and the kind of nurse I want to be.

* Simply, her nursing wisdom is unmatched. Every student taught by this amazing woman should consider her a gift during their education. She is an amazing asset to the College, sacrificing her time to take on new courses and challenges. Brenda is my inspiration during my patient contacts, her words endlessly repeating in my mind.... the true sign of an amazing instructor.

* Never knew how much I appreciated Brenda Beyer’s passion, devotion, and love for teaching until I reached my senior year. Her devotion to making sure EVERY single one of her students has a SOLID foundation shows. Multiple clinical instructors comment on my class’ critical thinking abilities and confidence with the material we are covering, and I attribute this to her.

Eva Crump, Administrative Secretary — Staff Recognition Award 2011

* Eva is kind, helpful, and caring in her job. She responds in a timely manner to requests. She tries to get supplies as needed. She does a great job!

* I believe Eva Crump deserves this award because she always comes to work with a smile on her face. She is always friendly, outgoing, and always helping!

* Eva consistently presents herself in a cheerful positive manner. She is agreeable to help me at any time.

Spring Semester Final Grades

Students can view final course grades via CARMELink after the end of Spring Semester (please allow a few days for processing). Printed grade reports are not mailed to students but are available by request from the Records and Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 201).

Affiliated Course Schedules

Any student taking a Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer Quarter class at one of our affiliated institutions (Columbus State Community College or The Ohio State University) is required to submit a copy of his/her course schedule to the MCCN Records and Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 2C01) after registering for CSCC or OSU classes. This could be any one of the four courses we do not teach at MCCN.

All students must submit their CSCC or OSU course schedules to MCCN every term they take classes. This insures accuracy of MCCN student records. In addition, delinquent students may find themselves at less than full-time hours for enrollment or financial aid calculation.

Degree Audits

Pre-licensure students who want to verify current completion of program requirements may schedule an appointment to review their degree audits. Contact Janet Turner (614-234-3870) to schedule an appointment.

RN-BSN Completion and Master’s students should contact Kip Sexton, Program Coordinator, at 614-234-5169 with questions about degree audits.
The 2010-2011 academic year began with many exciting new opportunities. We began our direct lending program with the Department of Education. Of course there were a few glitches, but nothing we could not overcome. We are now very well positioned to have a great 2011-2012 academic year. With all of the recent discussion in Washington, we will be watching to make certain that you are also positioned to have a successful year.

It is paramount that you plan ahead. If you think you will need additional money, work hard to secure it before classes start in the Summer and the Fall. Financial reform requires lenders to hold loans for a brief period of time before funds are disbursed. You should plan on the entire process taking at least two weeks from start to finish.

If you have a unique financial need (i.e. your parents are no longer employed, you need part of your private loan earlier than the dates disbursed, etc.), contact the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. Remember, it takes time to process your aid and to review your unique circumstances.

Summer Work Study Applications: If you are attending classes this summer and have completed your 2011-2012 FAFSA, work study applications were due to LaTosha Brown by Monday, May 2, 2011.

Fall Work Study Applications: In order to be considered for the work study program beginning Fall 2011, please complete your application by Monday, August 8, 2011.

Book Grant Applications: If you interested in applying for a book grant, please submit all applications two weeks before the beginning of the semester. Summer applications were due by April 29, 2011; Fall by July 29, 2011; Spring by December 12, 2011.

Asking questions and getting the right answer

This edition’s statement/question: Is the financial aid office closed over the summer?

The financial aid office is open year round. This means that we are open in the summer time. Please schedule appointments should you desire assistance over the summer.

Identity Theft Protection

While nothing can guarantee that you will not become a victim of identity theft, there are steps that you can take to minimize your risk, such as protecting your personal information and monitoring your credit report. Here are some Do’s and Don’ts for protecting your social security number.

Social Security Number

Don’ts
- Do not carry your Social Security card with you (as in your wallet, purse, pocket), leave it in a secure place.
- Do not write your Social Security number on your check.
- Do not give your Social Security number out unless it is required.

Do’s
- Ask to use other types of identifiers.
- Give your Social Security number only when necessary.

There may be certain situations in which you may be required to provide your personal information. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

Verify a source before sharing information. Identity thieves may pose as internet service providers, representatives of banks, and representatives from government agencies. Before you share any personal information, confirm that you are dealing with a legitimate organization. Do not give your personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the internet unless you have initiated the contact and are sure you know with whom you are dealing.

Guard your information when using the internet and your e-mail. The internet can give you access to various types of information, services, and financial offers, which can expose you to online scammers and identity thieves. Do not give your personal e-mail address to entities or individuals that you are not familiar with. Select intricate passwords. Use secure websites that you trust when providing your credit card information. Use common sense when using the internet.

Stay alert for the signs of identity theft. Identity thieves like to pick through your trash. Instead of throwing away personal information, shred charge receipts, credit applications and offers, checks and bank statements, and expired charge cards. Monitor your credit report on a regular basis. Follow up with creditors if billing statements do not arrive on time.

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Editor’s Note

The Carmel Rapper editorial staff extends appreciation to those who regularly submit important information, photos, and inspiring insights for our readers: Alyncia Bowen, Colleen Cipriani, Karen Greene, Stevo Roksanic, Kathy Walters, Kathy Blanchard and the dietetic interns. We also thank all of those students, faculty, and staff who took the time to participate in interviews or photos.

Special thanks to Brenda Binkley and Theresa Williams for their support. Kudos to designer Carol Stokes and to photographer Chris Steel for their creative input.

Wishing a rejuvenating and relaxing summer to all! The Rapper will resume publication on August 15.

Assist at the Annual Golf Invitational to Benefit MCCN

July 11, 2011
The Lakes Golf and Country Club

Times for volunteering:
9:30 a.m. – noon (greeters—lunch will be provided)
5 p.m. – approximately 7:30 p.m.
(assist with the dinner—dinner will be provided)

Student Volunteers Can Earn Community Service Hours

Contact Kathy Smith at ksmith@mccn.edu or 234-2230 or office CLE 105. Deadline to volunteer is May 31.

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“Rappin’ It Up!”

By Rachel Webb, Dietetic Intern

It’s May! The weather is finally warming up, the birds are chirping, and flowers are blooming. However, in the eyes of the dietetic interns, the best part of May is graduation! In the next few months, we will make important life decisions as we decide where to start our career in nutrition. In addition, three of us will be getting married within the next year!

I asked the interns to reflect upon their time at Mount Carmel. Here is what they said.

What was your favorite part of the internship?

**Ying:** “I really enjoyed the variety of the rotations and that we had the chance to choose alternatives for our rotations. The rotations gave me an inside look at what the job really is and what to look for in a career. I also liked the in-services — very educational and helpful to our rotations.”

**Takeiciou:** “My favorite part of the internship was my experience at WIC. I enjoyed working with children, as well as educating women about nutrition during infancy and childhood.”

**Andrew:** “My favorite part of the internship was meeting amazing healthcare professionals and drawing on all of their strengths to create the persona within myself of how I want to practice.”

What is the most important thing the internship has taught you?

**Ying:** “The most important thing I learned was to have compassion toward people, to be open-minded. Throughout the rotation, the population of people you encounter varies, and it is important to know how to approach several different groups of people.”

**Jenny:** “This internship has given me the confidence for my first job as a dietitian. Throughout all of my rotations, I have been able to be independent and make decisions as the RD (Registered Dietitian). It makes a huge difference to actually apply what I’ve learned in school to real situations.”

What will you miss most about Mount Carmel College of Nursing?

**Andrew:** “What I will miss most is all of the interns I had the chance to form relationships and bonds with over the past nine months.”

**Jenny:** “I will miss our weekly in-services. I enjoyed all of the speakers and liked hearing about all the other interns’ experiences.”

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

**Megan:** “In 10 years, I’d like to be engaged in private nutrition counseling, corporate wellness, or some other prevention-focused position. Maybe I’ll be involved in some research by then, too.”

**Abbey:** “In 10 years, I plan to be working in the career of my dreams!”

What are you looking forward to most this summer?

**Megan:** “I’m looking forward to doing a lot of cooking, catching up with family and friends, and sleeping in once and a while. Finding and starting a job would be icing on the cake!”

**Abbey:** “This summer I’m looking forward to starting a full-time job and getting married!”

All of the dietetic interns thank the staff of Mount Carmel College of Nursing, especially Kathy (Blanchard), Pat (McKnight), Doug (Maier), and Colleen (Dreifke) in the Nutrition Department. The nursing students should feel lucky to have these wonderful instructors teaching them the importance and integration of nutrition!
MCCN-FMC students celebrated spring with a bowling party on April 20 for the annual Spring Fling.
It is our collective efforts and enthusiasm for excellence in nursing education that has helped Mount Carmel College of Nursing grow and prosper. “To thank those whose generosity and foresight demonstrate a commitment to the future of nursing, we now have a wonderful donor recognition display in the main lobby of the College of Nursing,” says Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President and Dean.

The donor wall features the Mount Carmel College of Nursing Annual Giving Societies and Lifetime Giving, along with Endowments and Planned Gifts. “We deeply appreciate the generosity of our donors. The recently established Giving Societies and the new donor display give us the opportunity to honor and acknowledge this distinguished group of alumni, friends, and corporations through special benefits and recognition,” says Jan Burkey, Director of Development.

Thanks for your generosity!
Christa Griesenbrock McKernan '84 and '11 and her daughter Erin McKernan '11 have a lot in common, and the past few years sharing their pursuit of a BSN at MCCN enhanced their bond.

“It was motivating to be students at the same time. The topic of many of our dinner conversations was nursing, unfortunately for the rest of the family,” laughed Christa.

Due to class schedules, mother and daughter didn’t see each other much at school. However, they both participated in the cultural immersion seminar to a Remote Area Medical free clinic in Kentucky last summer. “It was great to experience that together,” said Erin.

It was another mission trip — one during high school to a Honduras orphanage for children with HIV/AIDS — that brought Erin to nursing. “The trip was incredible. It inspired me. The kids were ‘sick,’ yet so full of life. I wanted to continue mission work and realized that nursing is a skill I could offer to people all over the world.”

Christa really loved the sciences and originally started at The Ohio State University with a medical technology focus. When she missed the human interaction part, she sought and found that in nursing.

“It is so special to be graduating with my daughter. I love that she also found what she was looking for in the profession of nursing,” said Christa. Erin echoes her mother, “I’m so glad we had this experience together and share a passion for nursing.”
Summer break has finally arrived!

Before break, our roving student reporter, Lucas Halliday, found out what some students and faculty are looking forward to this summer.

MCCN-FMC sophomores (l-r) Megan Reeve and Brittany Wellman. Megan will get married over summer break, while Brittany will spend time with her baby, Jackson, who will be two years old in August.

Stephanie Binkley, junior, will work at a nursing home all summer.

Kayla Munk, junior, will be a counselor for a summer camp, take some summer classes, and work.

Laura Spurlock, faculty, will vacation in Cape Cod.

(l-r) Amanda Rosencrance, senior, will celebrate her graduation by going on a vacation with her family. Amanda Hershberger, senior, will be looking for a job as she begins her career as a nurse.

Annie Hahn, freshman, will get patho over with and then enjoy the rest of her summer.

Ashli Temple, freshman, will make money, take patho, and enjoy some well-deserved time at the beach.

Benjamin Moore, sophomore, will take a break from classes by enjoying the summer weather and hanging out with his friends.