Annual Convocation Ceremony Kicks Off the 2011-12 Academic Year

“Convocation is the official ceremonial welcome for all our undergraduate students, our faculty and staff. It’s the one time of the year when we gather in one place — to share important and timely issues impacting our College and each and every one of us; to recognize our donors and scholarship recipients; and to celebrate the start of a new year,” said Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President/Dean.

Dr. Schiele recognized MCCN’s more than 90 talented faculty and staff; the College’s generous scholarship donors; the class of 2012, which includes the first ever MCCN-FMC seniors; the 62 SDAP students who will complete their BSN in just 13 months; the 194 juniors who comprise the largest class; the 151 sophomores who will transition to clinical education this year; and the 157 new freshmen just beginning their journey.

Dr. Schiele pointed out that this academic year of 2011-12 is yet another milestone year for MCCN, with record enrollment, the significant response to the new online RN-BSN Completion Program, and record growth in the graduate program, which now includes 90 students.

Student flag bearers were Patrick Queen, carrying the Mount Carmel College of Nursing flag; senior Stephanie Binkley; junior Lucas Halliday; sophomore Anne Hahn; freshman Florence Smith; and Second Degree Accelerated Program student Will Scott.

Brooke Waddell, SGA president, offered the opening remarks and Student Government leaders were recognized. Chelsi Cummings provided a musical reflection. Prayers and blessings were recited by Shirley Cooley, MSN, RN, Kayla Munk, and Christian Graves.
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Annual Convocation Ceremony Kicks Off the 2011-12 Academic Year cont’d

“I am so honored that you have chosen Mount Carmel to receive your education and so proud that you have chosen to pursue the profession of nursing, which offers so many opportunities. I salute you and wish you success in this coming year!”

— Dr. Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President/Dean

A highlight of the event was the presentation to Mount Carmel College of Nursing by senior Michael Mastriana, SGT, U.S. Army, of the flag he carried throughout his deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mastriana interrupted his nursing education after his sophomore year to serve in Iraq.

“Thank you, Mike, for your service to our nation. It is an honor to have this flag and know that it will have a prominent place at the College,” said Dr. Schiele.
Scholarship Recipients

THE MARY LINARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kathie Hoisteiner
Cara Mudge

MOTHER M. CONSTANTINE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP
Sarah Koehler

THE DELORES STREET OHIO CONTRACTORS SCHOLARSHIP
Abby Mills
Kathleen Mills
Erika Robertson

THE GEORGE N. COREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Sabrina Kemper
Voslar Molsbier
Nicole Ward

REGINA S. WILLIAMS & ROBERT M. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP
Christian Graves
Janina Smith

THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLUMBUS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP
Lauren Dailey
Laurin Curtin

THE MARY SUSAN WHEAT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Lauren Dailey
Erika Robertson

THE MABEL R. WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Brittany Cardwell
Brittany Sage

THE HOLY CROSS HERITAGE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Christian Graves
Emily Korns
Jillian Zimmer

THE MARJORIE KELLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Beth Kaper
James McLaughlin

THE FRANK AND LILLIAN WILL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Alicia Semler

THE ANDERSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Kayla Markin
Rebecca Schaeffer

THE FRANCIS AND LOIS EKENBARY RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Sakoiya McDonald
Brooke McCombs

THE ED “PETE” AND BARBARA KELLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Beth Kaper
James Mcknight

ELSE “KIP” SEXTON SCHOLARSHIP
Jodi Temple

ANYVETS POST 1928
Chandra Gifford
Erika Robertson

PHE AND JOAN HALL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT
James Frey

THE COMPASSION SCHOLARSHIP
Devon Diaz
Amanda Uebing

JOSEPHINE WALTERS CareStar SCHOLARSHIP
Stephanie Blank
Amanda Uebing

THE ROBERT G. AND KATHRYN R. SCHWEMLEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
Brittany Cardwell
Chelsi Cummings
Emily Furgues
Courtney Daily
Christian Graves
Haithon Haynsey
Kelsay Horton
Brooke McCombs
Erika Robertson
Janine Smith

THE MARY C. WANNIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Haley Witham

THE MONSEIGNOR JOHN McMHAON SCHOLARSHIP FOR DEDICATED INTERNS
Mary Jane Earls
Alexandra Mosco
Rebecca Press

THE KATHY DONNELLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Katie Hester

THE SISAN STROHBAECH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jaime Smith

DAVID AND BONNIE MOSES SCHOLARSHIP
Dylla Criley

MONICA AND STEPHEN WALTER SCHOLARSHIP
Sara Edelstein
Erik Howell
Leah Howell
Aika Mitchell
Amanda Uebing

THE RUTH ANN THOMAS & PAUL MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP
Erik Howell
Brooke McCombs

THE TAMMY SNYDER WEIDNER ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Amanda Uebing

DAVID HUNT, MD. SCHOLARSHIP
Cora Alridge
Laura Dailey
Kelsay Horton
Erika Robertson

DANIEL WATT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kelsay Horton

MOUNT CARMEL HEALTH SYSTEM AUXILIARIES
Mount Carmel East Auxiliary
Mount Carmel West Auxiliary

Mount Carmel St. Ann’s Auxiliary
Rachael Freitag
Emily Xiao

ELAINE LAUER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Katelyn Rose

CLASS OF 1961 SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Xiao

THE HEAD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Kelsay Horton
Sakoiya McDonald

THE COLUMBUS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP
Lisa Gocha

TEAS SCHOLARSHIPS
Margie Roe
Alexa Beineke
Christopher Claus
Mellissa Davis
Kimberly Hall
Ashlee Henderson
Cody Houseman
Andrew Kizlyak
Holly James
Shelby Langenluck
Robin Mazzer
Briana Meyerson
Sarah Pechenik
Patricia Ford
Christopher Sammons
Erika Swobach
Danielle Shedian
John Shipstead
Christina Tundal

THE LEAD SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIPS/ MCCN GOLF OUTING
American Electric Power

Easton Power

Christian Graves
Stacy Miller
Kelsay Rose
Megan Wurmuth

HMA Food and Facility Service Management
Stephanie Alley
Erik Howell
Rita Modore
Ambrai Niyogi
Maureen O’keeffe

SCHWEMLEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
CHRISTINA MOORE
Elizabeth Radovich
Ryan Williams

MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP
Cora Alridge
Stephanie Brinkley
Lauren Dailey
Lisa Gocha
Emily Furgues
Aika Mitchell
Kelsay Rose

TRINITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Trinity Undergraduate Scholarships
Katelyn Rose
Brooke Alridge
Bethany Cardwell
Emily Furgues
Christian Graves
Heather Hanytesy
Kelsay Horton
Erik Howell
James Masthay
Melissa McCrady Bean
Sakoiya McDonald
Aika Mitchell
Kelsay Robertson
Margaret Ryan
Anna Spious
Emily Xiao

Trinity Second Degree Accelerated Program Student Scholarships
Amanda Uebing
Mary Jedlicka
Joseph Principerio
Brittany Sage
Ryan Williams
Kelsay Zimmerman

MOUNT CARMEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Dr. Ann E. Schiele Award
Rebecca Schaeffer

Clara Batra Geer Award
Stephanie Blank

Mary Grady Award
Lisa Gocha

Imo French Award
Jennifer Wells

Betty Baker Award

Sharon Schmollmier Award
Emily Furgues

The Alumni Legacy Award
Kelsay Horton

Award in Honor of Kim Dillon, Alumni President
Nicholas Ward

Award in Honor of the Sisters of the Holy Cross
Kathleen Martin

Award in Honor of Instructor Dr. Kim Loscko
Cara Alridge

Alumni Award in Honor of Cheryl Mace
Anna Mitchell

REQUISITE Criminal Background Check

Every sophomore, junior, senior, RN/BSN, and MS student is required to undergo an annual criminal background check. For the convenience of students, on-campus opportunities for fingerprinting are provided on the following dates.

Monday, August 29, noon – 4 p.m. (Student Rec Room, Marian Hall lower level)
Wednesday, August 31, noon – 4 p.m. (Student Rec Room, Marian Hall lower level)
Thursday, September 1, noon – 4 p.m. (Student Rec Room, Marian Hall lower level)
Monday, September 12, noon – 2 p.m. (Student Rec Room, Marian Hall lower level)

Each student must present a valid Ohio driver’s license or state-issued ID in order to complete the application form. The $69 discounted fee for this service by National Background Check (NBC) will be added to the student’s FA-11 MCCN account.

Those students unable to be fingerprinted on campus will be responsible for scheduling individual appointments with NBC and completing this requirement prior to September 2, 2011. The cost incurred for scheduling individually is not discounted and is due the day of fingerprinting (payable directly to NBC).

Any student who fails to complete the required criminal record check by September 12 will risk being dropped from Fall Semester classes.

Special Note to Pre-Licensure Students:

You will be asked at the time you are fingerprinted if you will be graduating at any time from October 2011 through August 2012. A second set of results will be forwarded electronically to the Ohio Board of Nursing and held there until your application to take the NCLEX-RN exam is received by the Board — this is an NCLEX-RN application requirement. This procedure saves you an additional $69 charge for a second set of results within the same calendar year.

“This truly is an exciting day because it celebrates nursing: those of you who are realizing dreams of becoming professional registered nurses, those who educate them, and those who support them emotionally and financially.”

— Dr. Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President/Dean
Affiliated Course Schedule

Any student taking a Fall 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 Fall Quarter course schedule to the MCCC Records and Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 2C01). The deadline was Friday, August 19.

All students must submit their CSCC or OSU course schedules to MCCC Records and Registration every quarter they take classes. Students who neglect to submit by the August 19 deadline will find that their credit hours at CSCC or OSU will not count toward calculation of total credit hour load for Fall Semester.

Financial aid awards will be based on total registered credit hours as of August 19, 2011. Delinquent students may find themselves at less than full-time hours for financial aid calculation.

IF YOU ARE TAKING AN AFFILIATED COURSE DO NOT IGNORE THE AUGUST 19 DEADLINE!

Freshman Students at Ohio University Lancaster

Any student enrolled as a freshman in the MCCC-FMC program and taking classes at Ohio University Lancaster (OU-L) is required to submit a copy of his/her Fall Quarter course schedule to the MCCC Records and Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 2C01) no later than Friday, September 9.

All MCCC-FMC students must submit OU-L course schedules to MCCC Records and Registration every quarter they take classes at OU-L.

Application for Graduation

Graduation applications will soon be distributed and must be on file in order to begin the graduation process. If you expect to complete degree requirements during the 2011-2012 academic year, please watch for the announcement and submit your application by the posted deadline. The graduation fee will be charged to your student account in the semester you graduate.

Pre-licensure students who wish to verify completion of degree requirements may schedule an appointment to update their degree audits. Contact Karen Greene (614-234-5685) to schedule an appointment. RN-BSN and MS students may contact Kip Sexton (614-234-5169) for verification of degree completion requirements.

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Bright, colorful, and interactive — the new mccn.edu is the culmination of months of effort by College administration, faculty and staff.

On the revamped site, you’ll find revised text and updated information, more movement and interactive features, increased user-friendliness and ease of navigation, and it’s a warm welcome to the College. Check us out!

visit us at mccn.edu
Community Service

Social Responsibility is one of the “Core Values” contained in the mission of Mount Carmel College of Nursing. In accordance with the College’s Mission and Catholic Identity, the Community Service requirement for nursing students includes the application of one’s skills and time to meet identified community needs of vulnerable and at-risk populations.

This activity leads to learning and development through active participation in thoughtfully organized service that:

• is conducted in and meets the needs of the community
• involves reflection and analysis of the experience
• promotes the development of leadership skills, citizen skills, and social responsibility

Pre-licensure students are required to complete 20 clock hours of community service prior to the beginning of the last semester of enrollment (RNs enrolled in the BSN Completion Program and SDAP students must satisfactorily complete 10 clock hours). Pre-licensure students who do not meet the deadline will be required to complete an additional 10 clock hours (for a total of 30 hours) in order to meet the graduation requirement. Any student who does not meet the requirement by the policy deadline may participate in Commencement activities but will not receive a diploma or be eligible for NCLEX-RN testing until this requirement is met.

Additional details regarding the Community Service Learning Program can be found in the Student Handbook.

Lunch and Learn Today

12 noon in the College lounge

Presentation by students who traveled to Ireland over summer break to learn about healthcare practice and nursing education in the “Emerald Isle”.

MCCN Awarded $100,000 in Scholarships for SDAP Students

Instructor Joey Beck, BS, MHA, MSN, RN, Worked on Grant Proposal

Mount Carmel College of Nursing was one of just 52 nursing programs nationwide to receive funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) through the RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program (NCIN). The award was announced in July.

“Please acknowledge Joey Beck for all of his work on this grant. We were awarded $100,000 which will be awarded to ten SDAP students. Congratulations Joey!” said Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President/Dean.

NCIN was launched in 2008 to address the national nursing shortage, develop a demographically representative nursing workforce, and fuel the pipeline of nurse faculty and leaders.

The NCIN program was created through RWJF and AACN to enable schools of nursing to expand student capacity in accelerated baccalaureate and master’s programs while building a more diverse workforce ready to serve the needs of a changing patient population. Schools receiving funding through NCIN provide scholarships directly to students from groups underrepresented in nursing or from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Mount Carmel West Cafeteria A&B
Monday, September 12 8:30 – 2:30

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS. Enter to win a Blue Jackets prize pack, a zamboni ride, or an LCD TV! If you last donated on or before July 18, you may be eligible to donate.
**Degree Audits**

Pre-licensure students who want to verify current completion of program requirements may schedule an appointment to review their degree audits. Contact Records and Registration (614-234-3870) or Karen Greene (614-234-5685) to schedule an appointment.

Students finishing the onsite RN-BSN Completion Program and Master’s students should contact Kip Sexton (614-234-5169) with questions about degree audits.

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**Active Shooter Training**

What will you do?

Choose one of two sessions held on each of the following dates:

- **Session 1**, noon – 2 p.m., or
- **Session 2**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, August 29**
**Monday, September 19**
**Monday, September 26**

**Classroom D**
*(Located on the 4th floor of Marian Hall)*

Sign-up sheets at the Front Desk. **Mandatory** training for **new faculty, staff, and students**

**Fairfield Medical Center students, faculty and staff are not required to attend**

Refresher training for current faculty, staff, and students strongly encouraged.

_Pizza lunch/dinner will be provided._

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**Rho Omicron Induction Ceremony**

**November 10, 2011**
**MSB Auditorium**

Silent auction and light hors d’oeuvres

Details to follow

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**Residence Hall Community Service Day**

**During the first** Residence Hall Community Service Day on Aug 14, 29 students helped to clean up and beautify the Franklinton area. The students picked up trash in two Franklinton Parks, Dodge and Rhodes; weeded flower beds in Dodge Park; and cleaned up and weeded Gladden Community House and the surrounding neighborhood.

“MCCN is proud to be in Franklinton and, as good neighbors and good stewards of our community, plans ongoing community service projects,” said Director of Student Life, **Colleen Cipriani.** “It was a great day and helped new students get to know each other. Everyone had a good time.”

**Students agree:**

“The Residence Hall Community Service Day allowed me to get closer to the people I am living with, as well as help those in the community. I went to Gladden House and learned how they give children a safe environment to play, get help with homework, and many other things. Helping them felt great and I am so happy I was a part of it!”

— Sophomore **Marissa Gerdes**

“It was really nice to be active in the community. Even though I just did lawn work and picked up trash, it was good to know that I made a difference and it was appreciated.”

— Senior **Chyna Dolman**

“It’s always fun helping out in the community. I enjoy helping others and it was nice to have a part in helping to improve the community.”

— Senior **Christian Graves**

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First row (l-r): senior **Chyna Dolman**, junior **Jessica Boggs**, sophomore **Marissa Gerdes**, senior **Christian Graves** and sophomore **LeeAnn Junk.**

_Courtesy of Colleen Cipriani_
Cristo Rey Columbus Takes Over St. Vincent Family Center Building and Adjacent Parking

MCCN and Mount Carmel West now have a new neighbor adjacent to hospital property — Cristo Rey Columbus, an employer-sponsored school providing a coeducational, Catholic, college-preparatory education for urban youth with limited educational options. The school is located on the corner of South Souder Avenue and West State Street, the former location of St. Vincent Family Center.

While the school is projected to open in 2012, staff is working there now. The parking area immediately west of the school is included as part of the property that the school will use. Mount Carmel Associates and MCCN students and staff should not to park in this area, or their vehicles may be towed.

Some associates have become accustomed to smoking on this property. Because of the nature of this institution, the school will have a no-tolerance policy for smoking on its property.

Thank you for your cooperation and for welcoming this new school to the neighborhood.

Library Hours

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

ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation

Beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year, students graduating from the traditional pre-licensure nursing program are required to attend an ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation. Students on track to graduate from the traditional pre-licensure program are assessed a $250 senior year fee that enrolls them in the ATI Comprehensive NCLEX Review arranged by the College.

The onsite review is offered in May the week following graduation for May and July graduates. The onsite format consists of a three-day comprehensive in-class review.

October, December, and March graduates are offered an onsite review session if there is a minimum of 25 students in attendance. If there are fewer than 25 students, graduates will enroll in the comprehensive review in a self-paced online format with an individually assigned ATI course instructor. Second Degree Accelerated students will receive information from their Program Coordinators about the ATI review session.
Attention Students:
News You Can Use

Co-curricular Activity Summary Questions & Answers

1. What is a Co-curricular Activity Summary (CCAS)?

   The CCAS is a program for recording awards, scholarships, community service, educational workshops, leadership activities, student government and organization. By recording activities outside of the classroom, the CCAS is used to complement the academic transcript. Such involvement requires active participation and must be verified by a faculty or administrator of the college.

2. What does it do?

   Student involvement in campus activities helps strengthen the student spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically, socially, culturally, and complements the academic experience. The CCAS is verifiable documentation that details a student’s accomplishments and their holistic development throughout their years attending MCCN.

3. Why should I want one?

   Through involvement in co-curricular activities and experiences, you gain transferable skills that can be applied to many areas outside of the college setting. As a verifiable college document, the CCAS can be used to support your search for employment after graduation. Creating your CCAS should be an on-going process during your tenure at MCCN. If you begin your CCAS during your first semester, it will provide a more complete record of your involvement and development as a college student.

4. How do I get started?

   Each semester, access the Co-curricular Activity Summary Entry and Validation Form from WebCt. Complete one form for each of your out-of-classroom activities and ask the appropriate faculty or staff advisor to verify your active participation by signing the form. Submit the form to the Office of Student Life for documentation.

5. What qualifies as co-curricular activities?

   All college approved events and activities. Please do not use abbreviations or acronyms. Those not associated with the college may not be familiar with acronyms like SGA or SNAM.

Note of Thanks + Community Service Opportunity

Colleen [Cipriani],
I just wanted to thank you for thinking of Gladden Community House when you organized your day of service. Your students were a pleasure to work with and did a great job cleaning up the outside of our building! It helps Gladden maintain a beautiful and inviting space for the community.

We really appreciate your partnership and hope to continue in the future. If there are any students interested in ongoing volunteer opportunities in the community, they can contact me before the end of the month about our Homework Help Program working with elementary age students. Again, thank you for your support of Gladden Community House, and good luck with the beginning of a new school year!

Sincerely,

Megan Neubauer, LSW
Volunteer & Development Coordinator
Gladden Community House
(614) 227-1619
mneubauer@gladden-us.org
www.gladden-us.org

A Message about Community Service from the President/Dean

By Dr. Ann Schiele

Community service is an important part of what we do at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. It’s our responsibility to give back to our community, such as providing mentorship and tutoring at Avondale School, as we have done for many years. Students from the Residence Hall recently participated in a service day interfacing with the elderly and youth in our service area and providing clean-up services to nearby parks. Community service might also mean volunteering at an outreach shelter or a Mount Carmel sponsored health fair. A requirement of the Mount Carmel program is to complete 20 hours of service before graduation. Many opportunities are outlined in The Carmel Rapper, highlighted in e-mails, and will be available soon through the new Mount Carmel College of Nursing Student Community Service Club (see Student Activities section on page 9).

Let’s get involved, give back, and begin the community service process soon!
**Student Activities**

**Announcement of the New Mount Carmel College of Nursing Student Community Service Club!**

It can be extremely hard for students today to be involved in student activities. Going to class, studying, working full-time, taking care of family, etc. doesn’t leave much extra time for getting to know and socializing with fellow students.

MCCN students, however, always make time to participate in community service projects. The MCCN Student Community Service Club means students can now do both and earn your 20 hours of community service in the process!

Involvement can be at many different levels, depending on each individual. Participate in one or all of the service activities planned.

We do need a core group of students who can commit to at least one hour a month to meet, plan, and organize. Director of Student Life Colleen Cipriani will schedule an organization meeting to advise students on organizing the committee, election of officers, and planning of community service opportunities for students. All students interested in being a part of the core group please contact Colleen Cipriani at ccipriani@mccn.edu by Friday, September 16.

**Two Yoga Classes this Fall**

Kerry Dawley, CYA (Certified Yoga Alliance) teacher

**Wednesdays, 8-31-11 through 10-5-11**

Classroom D, Fourth Floor Marian Hall

11 a.m. - 12 noon and 6-7 p.m.

Cost of the six-week class is $30 ($5 per class) if you pay for all six weeks in advance or $7 per individual class. Bring your own mat and woven blankets if you have them!

To register for one or both sessions, contact Colleen Cipriani, Director of Student Life at 614-234-5828 or ccipriani@mccn.edu.

**COSI**

Four student (Center of Science and Industry) COSI Columbus memberships and two family COSI memberships are purchased annually for MCCN students. Individual students and students with families (up to 4 children and significant other) can be admitted to COSI for free!

COSI memberships may be signed out on a daily basis. Memberships must be returned the next business day to ensure availability for other students. Memberships signed out on Fridays are to be returned the following Monday. Enjoy!

**Ohio Dominican University’s Bishop A. Griffin Center**

MCCN students are cordially invited to attend activities and events at Ohio Dominican University’s Bishop A Griffin Student Center. For up-to-date listings of activities visit www.ohiodominican.edu, type in Griffin Student Center and calendar of events.

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**SNAM* News**

*Student Nurses Association at Mount Carmel*

**2011-12 SNAM Meeting Schedule**

Meetings will be held in the College lounge, unless otherwise noted. Please watch future Rappers for details regarding speakers/activities.

Today, August 29, 12-2 p.m. SNAM Jam in the Rec Room

Lunch provided for those who sign up in advance at the front desk. Come learn about SNAM and sign up to be a member!

- September 26, 12-1 p.m.
- October 24, 12-1 p.m.
- November 28, 12-1 p.m.
- January 23, 12-1 p.m.
- March 26, 12-1 p.m.
- April 23, 12-1 p.m.

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**SNAM Officers 2011-12**

- **President:** Kayla Munk
- **Vice President:** Brooke Waddell
- **Secretary:** Stephanie Binkley
- **Treasurer:** Renee Dicke
- **Membership Director:** Stephanie Reinschield
- **BTN Director:** Cody Toney
- **Community Health Director:** Katie Baker
Notes from Alyncia

New Face in Financial Aid

Please join me in welcoming Theresa Garaux to the MCCN family. Theresa’s first day was August 15, and we are delighted that she has decided to work at the College. Theresa is located in the front area of the Financial Services Suite.

Disbursement of Financial Aid: Financial aid will be applied to your account after September 1, 2011. Refund checks will be issued after your tuition balance has been paid. Aid is disbursed in the following manner — grants and scholarships, Direct Stafford loans, private loans and PLUS loans. Please refer to CARMELink to see when your money has been applied to your account. Go to the Business Office tab to review your billing statement.

Scholarships from Convocation: Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients announced at Convocation. These awards will be added to your financial aid award (available on CARMELink). Most of the scholarships will automatically disburse in the fall and spring semesters.

Ohio College Opportunity Grant: If you are the recipient of the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, the grant will be noted on your financial aid award letter and in the business office. Please check CARMELink.

CARMELink: CARMELink should be your first step in checking for financial aid, billing matters and refunds. Most of your answers can be addressed by logging on to CARMELink.

Private Loans: The arena of financial aid has been impacted by the current lending climate. This means that some of the lenders you used in the past are no longer providing private loans. This also means that it will take two-three weeks to process a private loan. If you apply for a private loan, you will need to follow up with the lenders’ requests for you to sign their disclosure statements. Loans are not forwarded to the school for certification until you have signed all of the necessary paperwork.

If you would like to apply for a private loan, please go to mccn.edu, tuition and financial aid, links, FAST ALT Solutions. You will find a list of lenders other students have used. You can also go to the bank or lender of your choice to secure a private loan.

Updating Your FAFSA: Please remember that the FAFSA is an application. Whenever you modify the FAFSA you re-submit your application for federal student aid. Whenever the financial aid office receives a modified FAFSA we are obligated to review it for changes. This sometimes means that the student becomes selected for verification due to a modified FAFSA. If you have received your award letter and you make an adjustment to the FAFSA, and your adjustment is selected for verification, your financial aid will be placed on hold until you complete the verification process. Please be cognizant of the impact of changing your application.

If you have received your award letter, there should be no reason to update your FAFSA.

I wish you all a prosperous school year!

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Formulas for Success: The Essay Assignment

It’s the first step of any journey that’s the hardest. The adage is certainly true when it comes to writing. Deciding on a topic or direction or format can lead to analysis paralysis, which leads to procrastination . . . and last-minute efforts seldom lead to successful writing projects. Here’s the most efficient, effective way to approach any writing project.

1) **Research first.** Take ten minutes to visit MCCN’s library though its website. Type your topic in an article search engine (PubMed is my favorite). For example, I typed in “choroid plexus cyst.” The search engine corrected my spelling (“choroid”) and found 501 articles for review. I clicked on about 20 abstracts, and printed ten that were interesting.

2) **Use the rubric.** Most professors provide very clear rubrics that include series of questions that must be answered in the paper. Having looked at the research you collected, sit down at the computer and type out the answers to each question. It’s not enough to think about the questions, or make notes in a notebook: type out the answers.

3) **Give it a break.** Take at least 24 hours away from your paper. That gives you a little time to refuel. It also gives you a more critical eye when reviewing your work. When I do this as a professional writer, I catch my sentence fragments and phrases that don’t make sense — it happens to everyone.

Along with editing, write an introduction and conclusion, and create your reference page. Once you’ve run a grammar check on your computer (or through Grammarly), the paper should be ready to go.

If you need help at any point in this process, please come see me, the Writing Coach at CLAS (Center for Learning and Scholarship). I’m in the office at 300 Marian Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can email a question or request an appointment 24/7 to mabbott@mccn.edu.
Resident Hall Cook-out

On August 13, on-campus apartment residents got together for a fun time that included tie-dyeing tee shirts, playing volleyball and a delicious picnic meal.

Sophomores (l-r): Olivia Sapia, Mackenah Martin, Ashli Temple, RA in Holy Cross Hall, and Renee Dicke

Resident Advisors (l-r): LeeAnn Junk, Jessica Boggs, Tyler Wilson and Ashli Temple

Freshmen (l-r): Jessica Bondurant, Alisha Minnehan, Brielle Daugherty, Katie Cross, Olivia Ringwalt, Allison Chamberlain, and Macee Heughebart

Freshmen (l-r): Hannah Newton, Sarah Brantley, Will Taylor, Rachel Lindner, Savannah Whitten, Katie Friesz, Taylor Schmit, and Alicia Angel