

carmel the Rapper

DECEMBER 2012

MCCN news & information



MOUNT CARMEL
College of Nursing

Annual Avondale Christmas Project



photo courtesy of Colleen Cipriani

Trimming the tree for the Avondale Elementary Christmas Project are MCCN students (l-r) **Katie Cline, Dane Swartzentruber, Megan Valentine, Ashley McCord, and Sakoiya McDonald.**



GIFTS DUE:
Wednesday, December 5

**GIFT-WRAPPING
PARTY:**
December 6 (donations of
gift wrap appreciated)

GIFT DELIVERY:
December 21
Contact Colleen Cipriani
for more information.

Again this year, the MCCN family is invited to make Christmas bright for children at nearby Avondale Elementary. The Christmas tree with special gift wishes and specific guidelines on what to buy, how much to spend, and when to return to the College in order to make it fair and equitable for all Avondale students, is set up. Everyone is strongly encouraged to stay within the gift buying guidelines.

New this holiday season is an opportunity for those who want to make it the best Christmas ever for the students — the option to "adopt a family." Avondale School administration will identify families needing help. Donors decide how they want to help — buy for an entire family, buy for a single parent and kids, or buy only for the children in a family. Groups of students, faculty, staff, or any combination thereof can adopt a family.

Gifts are due back on Wednesday, December 5 and there will be a gift wrapping party on December 6 for those who want to get together to wrap the presents. Donations of Christmas gift wrapping are greatly appreciated.

The Avondale Elementary Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 21, at 10 a.m. As this is during MCCN's Christmas Break, we are looking for a very dedicated group of volunteers to deliver the gifts.

Dates to Remember

December 7	Fall semester classes end
December 10-13	Final exam breakfasts (Marian Hall Rec Room)
December 10-14	Final exams week
December 17	Holiday break begins
January 7	MCCN spring semester begins
January 14	Ohio University spring semester begins
January 21	MLK, Jr. Day (holiday)
January 28	SNAM Meeting
February 1	Advanced Placement Program application deadline
February 15	Last day to drop a Term 1 class
February 25	MCCN CollegeFORUM
March 1	Term 1 ends
March 4	Term 1 junior/senior nursing clinical final examinations
March 4-8	Spring break (students and faculty)
March 11	Term 2 begins
March 25	Summer session registration begins
March 29	Good Friday (holiday)
April 22	Fall semester registration begins MCCN CollegeFORUM
May 3	Term 2 and semester classes end
May 6-10	Final examination week
May 10	Pinning/ Recognition Ceremony
May 11	Commencement

Chapter's Tenth Anniversary Celebrated at Rho Omicron Induction Ceremony



*Sigma Theta Tau, International: The Honor Society for Nursing
"Dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide"*

In April 2002, Mount Carmel College of Nursing earned the privilege of establishing the Rho Omicron chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing, an organization committed to fostering excellence, scholarship and leadership in nursing. STTI promotes the use of nursing research in healthcare delivery and provides resources to communicate the latest knowledge in nursing care.

On November 8, 2012, 93 new members were inducted into MCCN's Rho Omicron chapter. Inductees included 72 seniors in the BSN program (includes Second Degree Accelerated Program students and MCCN Fairfield campus students), 14 students in the RN/BSN Completion Program, four Master's Program students, and three Nurse Leaders were inducted.

Those eligible for membership in Rho Omicron include:

- Baccalaureate Program seniors in the top 35 percent of their graduating class.
- Second Degree Accelerated Program students who have completed half of their nursing curriculum and are in the top 35 percent of their class.
- RN students in the Baccalaureate Program who rank in the upper 35 percent of their graduating class and have 50 percent of the nursing program completed.
- Students in the Graduate Program who have completed one-fourth of their program.
- Community leaders demonstrating leadership or achievement in nursing including achievements in research, publication, administration, consulting, practice, or education.

The guest speaker, Nancy Sharts Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, Treasurer of STTI, delivered the keynote address, "Legacy and Leadership."

Special thanks to **Sherry Hull, MS, RN**, for coordinating the Silent Auction, with proceeds for the Rho Omicron scholarship fund.

Mount Carmel College of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau Rho Omicron Board

Kerry Dawley, MSN, RN,
President

Therese Snively, PhD, RN,
Vice President

Diane Dierckman, BSN, RN,
Leadership Succession

Stephanie Kettendorf, MS, RN, CNS, NCBF,
Leadership Succession

Denise Taylor, MSN, CNP, CWOON,
Governance Chair

Kathy Walters, MS, RNC, NNP-BC,
Governance Counselor

Ann Waterman, PhD, RN,
Governance

Bonnie Moses, MS, RN, CNRN,
Treasurer

Rachel Choudhury, MSN, RN, CNE, OCN,
Secretary

Hannah Gankosky, BSN, RN,
Publicity Chairperson

Katherine Hostetler, BSN, RN,
Membership Ambassador

Stacey Molle, BSN, RN,
Membership Ambassador

Candidates for Induction

Senior Students

Robert Bennett
Erica Blackburn
Courtney Blair
Jessica Boggs
Megan Breier
Cynthia Broaddus
Amanda Burke
Brittany Cardwell
Shelby Clark
Sarah Congrove
Angela Della Flora
Alexandria Dodds
Stephanie Elder
Matthew Eller
Marie Ellerbrock
Amanda Esselstein
Emily Fetterolf
Tori Fox
Shannon Francis
Katherine Garmann
Rachel Greenblatt
Charleigh Haas
Lucas Halliday
Jordan Hartzler
Beth Havens
Brandee Homer
Margaret Hueckel
Lyndsey Humphrey
Ashley Hunker
Jessica Johnson
Lindsey Kauh
Kara Kelley
Tristan Koenig
Jeremy Kojis
Emily Kornis
Samantha Kotlarek
Matthew LaFollette
Elizabeth Lauletta

Lindsey Levy
Sarah MacDonald
Kirsten MacSwain
Samantha Malo
Tara McCalla
Sakoiya McDonald
Allison McKinney
Jessica Metcalf
Kristy Moore
Kristen Morbitzer
Rita Morrison
Karalyn Newman
Christopher Nibert
Jessica Nicoletti
Erica Owens
Kiera Power
Erika Robertson
Susan Rockhold
Tonya Rogers
Mary Schnack
Alison Sears
Kelsey Sutton
Lindsey Tanzillo
Chelsea Thompson
Amanda Utzinger
Asia Vallette
Jena Verbance
Allison Vermillion
Molly Wake
Julianne Wallace
Nicole Ward
Tiffany Wenter
Megan Wermuth
Ashley Yoder

RN/BSN Program Students

Anna Bockert
Judith Brown
Aprile Burt-Harp
Latanya Butler
Lori Carlin
Korinne Cline
Cecilia Daberko
Michelle Gleich
Deborah Kutasy
Mia Lingafelter
Stacey Markus
Linda McSweeney
Pamela Vanhooose
Deborah Waugh

Master's Program Students

Gretchen Gunderson
Margaret Martinez
Jodi Sollars
Erika Williams

Nurse Leaders

Erin Dougherty, MSN, RN, CPNP
Katheryn Fernandez, PhD, RN
Kathy Sommers, PhD, RN

FREE Final Exam Breakfasts

The Alumni Association will again offer complimentary continental breakfasts to students during final exam week. Please join members of the Alumni Association in the Marian Hall Rec Room (lower level) Monday through Thursday, December 10-13, 8 – 11 a.m. All are invited!

Information for Graduating Students

The May Pinning/Recognition Ceremony and Commencement will be here before we know it! Information for graduating students participating in these events will be forthcoming during the Spring Semester, including an Information Luncheon in March, cap and gown ordering, NCLEX Review dates, the celebration luncheon, rehearsal for the ceremonies, etc. Watch for additional information in upcoming editions of *The Carmel Rapper*.

- Pinning & Recognition Ceremony will be Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m.
- Commencement will be Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m.
- Both events will be held at the First Church of God, 3480 Refugee Road.

Graduation Applications Are Past Due!

Applications to graduate were due to Records and Registration in early October and are now past due! Applications must be on file in order to begin the graduation process. If you expect to complete degree requirements during the 2012-2013 academic year and have not submitted your application, please contact Records and Registration (614-234-3959). The graduation fee will be charged to your student account the semester you graduate.

Students who wish to verify completion of degree requirements may schedule an appointment to update their degree audits.

- Pre-licensure students: contact **Karen Greene** (614-234-5685)
- RN-BSN students: contact **Tara Spalla** (614-234-5950)
- Master's Program students: contact **Angela Phillips-Lowe** (614-234-5717)



Rho Omicron Board Members (l-r): **Katharine Hostetler, Ann Waterman, Denice Taylor, Diane Dierckman, Bonnie Moses, Kerry Dawley, and Therese Snively**



MCCN Online Bookstore



The MCCN Online Bookstore is now open for Spring Semester 2013.

Order your books early and be ready for the first day of class! Link to the bookstore via CARMELink, www.mccn.edu (Current Students / Student Bookstore), or at <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/mccn.htm>.

Registration for Spring Semester 2013

Registration for Spring Semester 2013 began the week of October 29. The schedule and registration instructions are posted to CARMELink (Student tab / Records and Registration page). A tutorial, *How to Register Online*, is also posted on CARMELink.

Advanced Placement Program (APP)

Deadline for application to the Summer 2013 Advanced Placement Program (APP) is February 1, 2013. Students with a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average who have successfully completed all non-nursing courses in the freshman and sophomore curriculum (with the *possible* exception of SCIE 230 and SCIE 231) are eligible to apply for APP.

Admission to this program is very competitive, and not all applicants are accepted. There are a limited number of internal and external seats available, and candidates are chosen based on high academic achievement and successful completion of necessary prerequisite coursework.

- Details and application materials will be available on CARMELink in early December. To locate the information about the MCCN Advanced Placement Program:
- log in to CARMELink
- on the Home tab, find the Advanced Placement Program Information section
- click on the appropriate links for the criteria and application
- download and print the application
- all applications are due by February 1, 2013

MCCN Anticipates Holiday Break

In the midst of the season of many holidays, our roving student reporter, **Katie Snider**, took to the halls of MCCN asking faculty, staff, and students about favorite holiday memories and how they will spend the 2012 holidays and semester break.



"I will spend the holiday at home with family and friends."

Ryan Meeker, junior



"I will have Christmas at my house. My favorite memory is every year on Christmas morning my dad would say that he needed to go down and check for elves before I could go, so that he could drink his coffee in peace."

George Biddle, SDAP



"I will spend this holiday and part of break with my family in Ohio and also hope to visit my family in Georgia."

Tiffany Craig, MCCN-FMC senior



"I will spend the break sleeping, watching football, and not trying to think about what care plan best fits the diagnoses I see at work."

Zack Novotni, MCCN-FMC junior



"I go to Cincinnati every year on Christmas Eve and spend time with my family."

Casey McDaniel, freshman



"My favorite memories are from when I lived back home in the Dominican Republic. This year my family from the Dominican Republic is coming to my house for the first time."

Maria Coronado (left), sophomore

"I will be with my family this holiday at my house. We always play board games."

Simone Williams (right), sophomore



"I love the holiday season! I am the youngest of 10 and my mother, age 91, still lives in the family home where she was born and we were raised. The majority of my siblings, their spouses, the 24 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren still come home to Mom's on Christmas Eve, where there is much laughter, silliness, love and noise. My favorite holiday memory is of one big, happy family all wrapped up in holiday cheer. Happy Holidays, everyone!"

Beth Medaugh, MCCN-FMC Instructor



"My favorite holiday memory was the 2003 ice storm. My family spent the week of no electricity playing board games by candlelight. I plan to spend this holiday with my family. To relax in preparation for Acute Clinical, a group of nursing students will spend a couple of nights at a Hocking Hills cabin."

Josh Leasure, MCCN-FMC senior



"There are too many memories to choose from. But I do remember when I was 10 I saw this four foot tall teddy bear. I wanted it really, really bad and my dad bought it for me for Christmas. I will be spending the holidays with my family and in-laws. Also I went black Friday shopping with my daughter."

Frieda Gill, Lab Instructor and Course Coordinator for SDAP Acute Care Course

photos courtesy of MCCN and MCCN-FMC

Whatever holiday you celebrate this time of year — Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, New Year's, Eid, Winter Solstice, Las Posadas, St. Lucia Day, St. Nicholas Day, Boxing Day, etc. — may you and yours be blessed.

The Mount Carmel Clinical Skills and Simulation Center (CSSC)



photo courtesy of Greg Saylor Photography

Steve Marks, CSSC Operations Manager, **Dr. Charles Sanders**, Vice President Mount Carmel Medical Education and **Dr. Ann Schiele**, President and Dean, Mount Carmel College of Nursing.

The Mount Carmel Clinical Skills and Simulation Center (CSSC) celebrated its official Grand Opening recently. The 11,000-square-foot, high-tech CSSC, located on the Mount Carmel West campus, is a collaboration among Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Mount Carmel Medical Education and the Mount Carmel Medical Staff.

ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation

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 \$300 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 are 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 the Program Coordinator about the ATI review session.

Library Hours and News

Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
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 during late evening and Saturday opening hours, 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.

Faculty/Staff Campaign Raising \$\$\$

Last chance to take advantage of the matching funds for our MCCN Associate Campaign! This opportunity was available until December 1. Matching funds will support the College Clinical Skills Lab in Marian Hall. **Thank you** to everyone that has already contributed, raising our total to over \$16,000! Any questions, contact **Jan Burkey** at jburkey@mccn.edu or 234-3837.

Community Service Club Commitment to Outreach Continues

From **Paige Myers**

The Community Service Club has been very active in the Franklinton community this year in collaboration with SNAM. The club recently added Gladden Community House as a service project. Members volunteered at the Gladden House Halloween Party and collected over 3,000 pieces of candy for the annual Halloween party at the Gladden Community House. The children of the Franklinton community were able to participate in a night filled with games and safe trick-or-treating. We want to thank all of the volunteers and donors of candy who helped to make this event successful.

We have also continued our service to the Holy Family Soup kitchen, volunteering every Thursday. As the weather has changed, the soup kitchen has been delivering over 250 meals each day. Students enjoy serving the people and are always excited to serve again. We are always looking for volunteers to serve the soup kitchen, and if anyone is interested contact **Anne Turville** at cturville@mccn.edu.

Looking into the future, the Community Service Club and SNAM are already in the planning stages with the Gladden House for a spring-time event to serve the elderly with hands-on, around-the-house help.

Watch for emails and future articles with additional information regarding that event and other volunteer opportunities. Students are also able to join the Community Service Club on *Facebook*, where we post opportunities to volunteer.

MCCN CollegeFORUMS

February 25, March 25, and April 22

All students invited to attend these open forums with our President/Dean, Ann Schiele, PhD, RN.

Complimentary lunch provided by Dr. Schiele.

Affiliated Course Schedule

Please note: All courses in the MCCN curriculum are now taught at MCCN, with the exception of some electives. This is a change from past semesters. The only courses students take elsewhere are humanities/social science electives. Please contact the Records and Registration Office with questions.

Any student taking a Spring Semester humanities or social science elective 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). The deadline for submission is **Friday, January 11, 2013.**

This is a requirement every semester students take classes elsewhere. Students who neglect to submit the required schedule by Friday of the first week of any MCCN semester will find that their credit hours at CSCC or OSU will not count toward calculation of total credit hour load. 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 DEADLINES!

Freshmen Students at Ohio University-Lancaster:

A freshman student enrolled in the MCCN-FMC program and taking classes at Ohio University-Lancaster (OU-L) is required to submit a copy of his/her OU-L course schedule to the MCCN Records and Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 2C01) **no later than Friday, January 11, 2013.**

All MCCN-FMC students must submit OU-L course schedules to MCCN Records and Registration every semester they take OU-L classes.

New Freshman Reps Enthusiastic about SGA



New SGA Freshmen Reps (l-r) front row: **Katie Cline, Nicole West, and Sarah Keller.** Middle row: **Claire Allman, Maddie Hostettler, and Ashley McCord.** Back row: **Kaci Gundin, Morgan Shepherd, and Dane Swartzentruber.**

Katie Cline joined SGA to be more involved at MCCN, "and give a voice to the students who are having issues that they would like to be resolved." Cline looks forward to working with the SGA team in order to make MCCN a wonderful learning environment for future nurses.

"I am very impressed with the organization of SGA and all of the devotion to Mount Carmel College of Nursing I see in its members. They all work very well and effectively together to solve problems the student body has presented to them, and I believe they work very hard to keep everyone satisfied," said Cline.

Cline invites any freshman who has comments or complaints that they would like presented to SGA to contact her and will make sure that issues are brought to the attention of SGA.

Maddie Hostettler joined SGA to be a voice for the students at her grade level and be involved at MCCN.

"I hope to resolve any problems, large or small, that face my class. I want to help create a good college experience for my peers," said Hostettler. "SGA really does their best to help MCCN students. Their agenda is always full with things they want to improve or new ideas that can benefit the college."

Sarah Keller found that involvement in student government in high school was very rewarding. "Therefore, I was eager to seek out MCCN's student government association. Through my involvement in student government, I hope to help solve problems and concerns dealing with the freshman class."

Keller's impressions of MCCN's SGA are positive. "I think that the current members have done a great job with the association. I also think that the Student Government Association has made a difference in the student's lives," said Keller. "I am excited to continue working with other members of SGA along with other students in the freshmen class."

SGA Members

Attend Chicago Conference



photo courtesy of Annie Hahn

Left to right, **Brielle Daugherty**, **Savannah Whitten**, **Will Taylor**, **Ebonee Caldwell**, **Annie Hahn**, **Symphoney Volkel**, and **Sarah Garey**

In October, seven officers and representatives of MCCN's Student Government Association (SGA) attended a weekend conference in Chicago, teaching "best practices" to help quickly and dramatically improve student government associations. The program helps members develop plans to tackle both pressing issues and long-term projects, and teaches how to build a more cohesive team that's prepared to handle new challenges head-on and more efficiently.

The MCCN attendees also learned about the Top Ten Leadership Skills:

1. How to get students to care about your Student Government
2. How to recruit more students to run for office and get involved
3. How to improve relations with your administration, faculty, and staff
4. How to improve voter turnout in your SG elections
5. How to deal with conflict, gossip, and negativity in your SG
6. How to set realistic goals and chose projects that are "winnable"
7. How to represent all types of students and all campus clubs and organizations
8. How to get more publicity, recognition, and respect for your SG
9. How to train new members and transition more effectively
10. How to make your meetings more effective

"The conference really pumped us up! We came back with a new passion for our SGA and all that we can do as SGA to impact our fellow peers," said **Anne Hahn**, SGA vice-president. "The most valuable lesson we learned at the conference is the connection we need to gain with our fellow students. We are excited to meet with our other members so we can begin planning and making our SGA better!"



Student Government Association (SGA) Officers and Representatives for 2012-13

President

Jena Verbance

Vice President

Annie Hahn

Treasurer

Ashli Temple

Secretary of Records

Symphoney Voelkel

Secretary of Public Relations 1

Brooke Cooper

Secretary of Public Relations 2

Stephanie Rienschild

Senior Class Representatives

Benjamin Moore

Molly Wake

Junior Class Representatives

Devon Baldwin

Ebonee Caldwell

Brett Teiga

Sophomore Class Representatives

Katie Bradley

Sarah Brantley-Garey

Brielle Daugherty

Whitney Eal

Jenna Grunden

Will Taylor

Savannah Whitten

Freshmen Class Representatives

Claire Allman

Katie Cline

Maddie Hostettler

Sarah Keller

Ashley McCord

Morgan Shepherd

Dane Swartzentruber

Nicole West

FMC Representatives

Senior: **Cynthia Broaddus**

Sophomores: **Alexis Brown**

and **Megan Robinson**

Advisor

Colleen Cipriani

The *Carmel Rapper* is provided monthly by Mount Carmel College of Nursing with the assistance of Mount Carmel's Creative Services and Printing Departments.

Managing Editor:

Robin Hutchinson Bell

Editor:

Elaine Kehoe

Photographer:

Chris Steel

Layout:

Carol Stokes

For deadline information or to comment, contact **Robin Hutchinson Bell** at 614-234-1372 or rhutchinsonbell@mccn.edu.

Withdrawal Policy Reminder

Please be aware of the MCCN course withdrawal policy. For the purposes of this policy, there are two types of courses: non-nursing courses and nursing courses. Nursing courses include all courses with a prefix of NURS (with the exception of nursing seminars). Non-nursing courses include all other courses taken in the academic program (including nursing seminars).

- After the course start date, a student must first notify the course instructor and obtain his/her signature prior to submitting an *Add/Drop Form* to the Office of Records and Registration. Submission of the form is required for official withdrawal from a course.
- Non-attendance in a course after the withdrawal deadline is considered being absent from the course. Failure to submit a faculty-signed *Add/Drop Form* will result in a grade being assigned at the conclusion of the course. All course withdrawals are subject to the "Refund Policy" section of the *Student Handbook*.
- A student may withdraw from any course by the end of week 1 and the course will not appear on the transcript.
- A student may withdraw, without academic penalty, from a 16-week semester course by the end of week 12 of the course. A Grade of "W" will be posted to the student's academic transcript.
- A student may withdraw, without academic penalty, from an 8-week term course by the end of week 6 of the course. A grade of "W" will be posted to the student's academic transcript.
- A student may not withdraw from any course after week 12 of a 16-week semester course or week 6 of an 8-week term course.
- Summer courses operating on a modified schedule will follow deadlines equivalent to the proportional requirements stated above.
- A student may withdraw from only one nursing course during the program of study.
- A student may withdraw from a total of two different non-nursing courses during the program of study.
- A student who is retaking a course from which he/she has previously withdrawn may not withdraw from that course a second time; a course grade will be assigned at the conclusion of the retake.
- Withdrawing from a course does not force the student to also withdraw from a co-requisite course.

Money Matter\$

Financial Literacy Moment: I am often asked, "Should I pay interest on my student loans while in school?" Recently I read an article provided by Great Lakes that best addresses this question. Per their permission, I am providing you with the core content of the article.

Interest on unsubsidized Stafford loans is the borrower's responsibility from the day funds are disbursed. Payment of interest can be made during the in-school period or borrowers can allow the interest that accrues to be capitalized when the loans enters repayment, which usually begins about six months after separation or graduation from the institution. This same option to postpone interest payments is available to borrowers who are already in repayment but return to school at least half time and receive an in-school deferment.

Making no payments while in school may seem like a good option, but borrowers can ultimately end up paying back more money over the repayment term than if they had paid the monthly interest while in school. To better understand the consequences of borrowing money, it's important for borrowers to understand the basic terminology.

Terms Every Borrower Should Know:

Capitalized Interest: The accrued interest added to the borrower's outstanding principal.

Interest: Money charged to a borrower for the use of a lender's money.

Interest Rate: The percentage of a loan amount that a lender charges to borrow money.

Principal of Loan: The original amount of the loan.

Understanding the terminology and the value of paying interest is best explained with an example.

The information below shows the difference in the total amount a borrower would repay on a \$15,000 Direct Unsubsidized Loan if he pays the interest as it accrues during a 12-month deferment period, compared to the amount the borrower would repay if he does not pay the interest and it is capitalized.

	If you pay interest as it accrues	If you do not pay the interest and it is capitalized
Loan Amount	\$15,000	\$15,000
Interest for 12 Months (at the rate of 6.8%)	\$1,020 (paid as accrued)	\$1,020 (unpaid and capitalized)
Principal to be Repaid	\$15,000	\$16,020
Monthly Payment (Standard Repayment Plan)	\$173	\$184
Number of Payments	120	120
Total Amount Repaid	\$21,734	\$22,123

In this example, he would pay \$11 less per month and \$389 less altogether if he pays the interest as it accrues during a 12-month deferment period.

Aside from the cost savings, other advantages of encouraging your borrowers to make interest payments while in school include:

Opening the Lines of Communication: Getting the student familiar with the student loan servicer from the beginning helps to establish a relationship for successful repayment.

Building Good Habits: It gets students in the routine of making payments and establishes a solid repayment habit.

Automatic Payments: Students who sign up for Auto Pay ensure that a payment is made each month.

Savings: The monthly payment amount will be lower once a student begins principal repayment for a borrower who pays interest while in-school and has not yet entered repayment.

Announcements:

Book Grants: Applications are due by 12/14 for consideration.

Congrats to the December graduates! Please make certain you have finalized your Financial Aid Exit Counseling with **Theresa Gararux** (tgararux@mccn.edu) or 614-234-1842.

Alyncia M. Bowen, PhD

Director, Financial Aid
abowen@mccn.edu

On Campus Residents Celebrate Halloween Together in their New Community Room



photos courtesy of Colleen Cipriani

SDAP Poster Presentation



“Remembering Mount Carmel”

Be the first to have your own copy!
A great gift!

The newest fundraiser of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association, *Remembering Mount Carmel*, has been published.

The 44-page bound book with photos and great stories of alumni and faculty memories of their time at The Mount: some funny, some sad, all heartwarming, is now available from **Theresa Williams** for \$15 (cash or check payable to Mount Carmel Alumni Association).

All proceeds benefit the Alumni Association’s scholarship and loan programs and ultimately, our students.

Thank you to alumni and faculty who took the time to share their memories. And thank you to each of you who purchases one, or two copies!

Residence Hall Thanksgiving Dinner

Forty students attended the festive event on November 14.



photos courtesy of Colleen Cipriani

Attention MCCN Students

Introducing The Courtesy Cart — Spring Semester 2013



A great new way for you to fulfill your service requirement and get to know the hospital at the same time!

This winter, MCW will be continuing the Courtesy Cart initiative as a part of the *Service Excellence* program. The cart provides complimentary beverages and snacks to families and visitors while they wait for their loved one. This is a joint venture between Volunteer Services and Nutrition Services with funding provided by the Mount Carmel Foundation.

One Semester Commitment, 2-3 hours per week

Contact **Heidi** in Volunteer Services for more details at 234-5260 or hvollman@mchs.com.

The Annual MCCN Fall Festival — Frightful Fun for Faculty, Staff and Students!

This year's Fall Festival on October 29 featured a free burrito bar and root beer floats, as well as a DJ, a photo booth, balloon artist, handwriting analyst, and a mummy wrapping contest. Winners of the contest were **Brielle Daugherty** and **Savannah Whitten**.

As October was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Mount Carmel West Crime and Trauma Center presented displays, purple wrist bands, whistles, and educational materials and resources. The Student Government Association's (SGA) "It's Abuse" Campaign provided information and resources and asked students to sign their pledge wall. SGA also offered green thumb bands to students who signed the "Stop to Text" pledge, a campaign to stop texting while driving.





STAY CONNECTED.



Scan and stay connected with Mount Carmel.

Mount Carmel QR
College website: <http://www.mccn.edu>

Mount Carmel Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/mccnedu>

Mount Carmel College of Nursing Twitter
<http://twitter.com/mccnedu>

Mount Carmel College of Nursing CARMELink
<https://carmelink.mccn.edu/ics/>

Mount Carmel Health Facebook
www.facebook.com/mountcarmelhealth

SNAM News

Student Nurses Association of Mount Carmel (SNAM) is a pre-professional organization dedicated to providing students with opportunities to grow their knowledge about the nursing profession, gain leadership skills, achieve professional nursing roles, and give back to their community. It is the local chapter of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) and Ohio Nursing Students Association (ONSA).

Meeting Schedule: No December meeting.

Our next SNAM meeting will be on January 28, 2013, at 12 noon in the College lounge. We will discuss the National Student Nurse's Association (NSNA) 61st Annual Convention, which will take place April 3-7 in Charlotte, NC. We will also hear from some exciting speakers.

Upcoming Events:

- NSNA Annual Convention in April
- Gladden Community House
- Elderly Home Improvement Outreach
- Fabulous speakers specializing in Midwifery, Pediatrics, and a nurse in the military
- Blood drive in February (Our last blood drive we exceeded our goal and hope to double our results at the next)

Applications for The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association Scholarship (\$1,000-\$2500) are due January 11, 2013. For more information check out <http://www.nсна.org/FoundationScholarships/FNSNAScholarships/UndergraduateScholarship.aspx>.

SNAM 2012-13 Officers

President	Lauren Dortmund	Vice-President	Jill Zimmer
Treasurer	Renee Dicke	Secretary	Katie Holland
Breakthrough to Nursing	Mackenzie George	Community Health Director	Tina Marie Cerra
Membership	Stephanie Rienschild		

Assessment is Fun!



"Assessment is FUN! Learning is FUN! N204 students, pictured here at their last regularly scheduled lab, enjoyed learning physical assessment."

— **Fatma A. Al-Lamki, MSN, RN**, Assistant Professor

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 (e.g., children, elderly, homeless, poor and underserved, and organizations that support these 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. RN-BSN and SDAP students who do not meet the deadline will be required to complete an additional 5 clock hours (for a total of 15 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*.

MCCN-FMC Seniors Give Back in Lancaster



photo courtesy of Deidre Smith

MCCN-FMC student volunteers (l-r): **Patrick Queen, Megan Milbaugh, Joshua Leasure, Megan Reeve, Anna Spires, and Brittany Wellman**

MCCN-FMC senior students volunteered their time and cooking talents at the "By the Way" medical clinic in Lancaster in November. They provided a complete dinner meal for approximately 40 individuals who received care at the clinic that evening.

The "By the Way" clinic is a community outreach entity partnered with the Maywood Mission that serves individuals without insurance who have immediate health needs. Founded in 2008, the clinic is staffed completely by volunteers: physicians, med students, nurses, MCCN-FMC student nurses, and others. The clinic is open two evenings a month.

The Maywood Mission also provides a thrift store, food pantry, financial assistance with gas, food, and shelter, child daycare, a latch key program, and summer day camp for the Lancaster area residents. "Our nursing students feel privileged to be part of something that is so needed in the community," said **Deidre Smith, MSN, RN,** Coordinator, MCCN-FMC Satellite Program.

Resident Hall Halloween Floor Decorating Contest Winners



photos courtesy of Colleen Cipriani

It was a tie between third floor Angela Hall and third floor Holy Cross Hall.

Final Exam Schedules for Main Campus and Fairfield Medical Center

Main Campus Traditional Pre-Licensure Program

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
NURS 405	Acute	8:00am – 10:00am	CLE 114	Nibert/Peterson
NURS 406	Gerontology	8:00am – 10:00am	CLE 210	Maurer Baack
NURS 407	Pediatrics	8:00am – 10:00am	CLE 206	O'Handley
NURS 408	Transitions	9:00am – 11:30am	MH A-B-D, CLE 208	Dawley
NURS 307	Mother-Infant	10:30am – 12:30pm	CLE 206	Cooley
NURS 308	Psyc-Mental Health	10:30am – 12:30pm	CLE 210	Bills
NURS 309	Med Surg	10:30am – 12:30pm	CLE 114-116	Beyer
PSYC 225	Human Growth & Dvlpmt – all sections	10:30am – 12:30pm	CLE 310	Hickey
HUMN 320	Ethics – all sections	1:30pm – 3:30pm	CLE 310	Hiltbrunner
ENGL 100	English Foundations	1:30pm – 3:30pm	CLE 116	Abbott
HUMN 110	Individual & Religion	2:00pm – 4:00pm	CLE 206	Patch
HLTH 416	Health Policy – M01	3:00pm – 5:00pm	CLE 114	Bowen
HLTH 416	Health Policy – M02	3:00pm – 5:00pm	CLE 210	Dawley
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
ENGL 110	English Composition – all sections	9:00am – 11:00am	CLE 310	Abbott
NURS 204	Foundations/Health Assessment	9:00am – 11:00am	MSB Auditorium	Al-Lamki
NURS 421	Community Health Nursing – section M01	10:00am – 12:00noon	CLE 114	Munoz/Walker
NURS 421	Community Health Nursing – section M02	10:00am – 12:00noon	CLE 116	Chops
HUMN 201	Critical Thinking	12:00pm – 2:00pm	CLE 116	Hiltbrunner
PSYC 101	General Psych – all sections	1:30pm – 3:30pm	CLE 310	Hilty
NURS 361	Nursing Research	3:00pm – 5:00 pm	CLE 114	Cooley
HLTH 320	Statistics – all sections	3:30pm – 5:30pm	CLE 310	Houchard
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
SOCL 101	Introduction to Sociology	8:00am – 10:00am	CLE 206	Hilty
SCIE 123	Anatomy & Physiology I – all sections	10:00am – 12:00noon	CLE 206-208-210	Loscko
SCIE 220	Nutrition – all sections	2:00pm – 4:00pm	CLE 206-208	Dreifke
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
SCIE 230	Patho I – all sections	8:00am – 10:00am	CLE 114-116-210	Stinner
SCIE 103	Organic Biochemistry – all sections	9:00am – 11:00am	CLE 310	Shen
HLTH 202	Cultural Comp in Hlthcare – section M01	12:30pm – 2:30 pm	CLE 206	Gregg
HLTH 202	Cultural Comp in Hlthcare – section M02	12:30pm – 2:30 pm	CLE 310	Hilty

1. Faculty will schedule Seminar final exams as needed.
2. All final grades will be accessible by students (those without record holds) on CARMELink. Please Note: MCCN does not mail grade reports.

Fairfield Medical Center Campus

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
NURS 309	Med Surg	8:30am – 11:00am	Gamma	A. Smith
NURS 406	Gerontology	9:00am – 11:00 am	Delta	MaurerBaack
PSYC 225	Human Growth/Dvlpmt	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Delta	Hickey
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
NURS 204	Foundations/Health Assmt	9:00am – 11:00am	Gamma	Mohler
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
SCIE 230	Patho I	9:00am – 11:00am	Delta	Stinner
NURS 421	Community Health Nursing	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Delta	D. Smith

NOTE: Students without record holds can view final grades on CARMELink. MCCN does not mail final grade reports.