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## Leaving an Enduring Legacy: **Ann Schiele, PhD, RN,** Wraps Up Final Academic Year as President and Dean

After 53 years at Mount Carmel, all but four of them at MCCN, **Ann Schiele, PhD, RN,** is putting the finishing touches on her final academic year as President and Dean at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. As the longest sitting president of any college or university in Ohio, Dr. Schiele has forged her drive for excellence and her passion for nursing education into creating one of the largest nursing education programs in the state of Ohio and serving as inspiration and a mentor to countless students and nursing professionals.

Among her crowning achievements is the transition of Mount Carmel School of Nursing into Mount Carmel College of Nursing, transforming the program into a fully accredited degree-granting institution. From an initial class of 32 when the College was first chartered in 1990, MCCN now has 1,167 students enrolled at the College, making it one of the largest undergraduate nursing programs in Ohio. In addition, under Dr. Schiele's leadership, the College also offers a highly competitive 13-month Second Degree Accelerated Program and Online RN-BSN Completion Program, as well as a graduate program, which offers five tracks leading to a Master of Science degree and has an enrollment of more than 180 students. She also helped establish MCCN's nursing education program at Fairfield Medical Center, MCCN-FMC.

During her tenure, Dr. Schiele partnered with **Kathy Espy,** Director of Diversity and Community Initiatives, to develop the Learning Trail program to create a more diverse student body. In 2003, she not only celebrated the College's centennial, but welcomed the completion of the Center for Learning and Education, which added new classrooms, meeting space and the expanded Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library on the MCCN campus. That same year, she led a team that developed the College's first graduate programs. Four years later, she also welcomed the opening of two new residence halls on campus.

Dr. Schiele's zeal for nursing education also extends to other colleges and universities throughout the state, which previously did not offer nursing opportunities. A collaborative effort now provides students at Wilmington College, Ohio Dominican University and Lake Erie College the opportunity to transition into Mount Carmel College of Nursing during their junior year.



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## Dates to Remember

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| <b>May 2</b>   | Fall Semester classes end                       |
| <b>May 5-9</b> | Final Exam Week                                 |
| <b>May 8</b>   | Graduating Student Reception                    |
| <b>May 9</b>   | <b>Pinning and Recognition Ceremony</b>         |
| <b>May 10</b>  | <b>Commencement</b>                             |
| <b>May 12</b>  | Summer Session begins                           |
| <b>May 26</b>  | <b>Memorial Day Holiday</b><br>(College closed) |

## 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.) Official printed grade reports are not mailed to students but are available by request from the Records & Registration Office (Marian Hall Room 201) if needed.

## Fall Semester 2014 Registration

Registration for Fall Semester opened the week of April 21.

- ▶ Check CARMELink for registration instructions and Fall schedule
- ▶ Registration windows dates are based on your current (Spring 2014) classification
- ▶ Course requests are in "reserved status" until approval by Records & Registration or the program advisor

## Degree Audit

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

- ▶ Pre-licensure students: Contact **Karen Greene** (kgreene@mccn.edu, 614-234-5685)
- ▶ RN-BSN students: Contact **Tara Spalla** (tspalla@mccn.edu, 614-234-5950)
- ▶ Master's Program students: Contact **Kathy Walters** (kwalters@mccn.edu, 614-234-5408)

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Dr. Schiele also helped establish the Mount Carmel Clinical Skills and Simulation Center, a joint initiative of the College, Mount Carmel Graduate Medical Education and the Mount Carmel Medical Staff, over in the 777 West State Street Building.

A YWCA Woman of Achievement awardee, Dr. Schiele is known for her extensive involvement in the local community, including serving on the boards for the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank, Maryhaven Addiction Recovery Services, the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Board, the Catholic Foundation, the Ohio Breathing Association, Children's Hunger Alliance and St. John's Community Kitchen.

Fittingly, Dr. Schiele was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Columbus CEO Healthcare Achievement Awards in February. The Lifetime Achievement Award "recognizes a long-term healthcare professional who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, knowledge, decision-making skills and commitment to his or her organization, patients and/or profession," according to the magazine's award description.

In a supporting letter for her nomination, Mount Carmel Health System President and CEO **Claus von Zychlin** stated, "Dr. Schiele is an excellent example of what a great work ethic and an unyielding drive for excellence can achieve."

**Sister Barbara Hahl**, Mount Carmel Health System's Senior Vice President of System Mission, also supported Dr. Schiele's nomination, adding that "she has dedicated her personal and professional life to serving as a role model, and her commitment to patients, students and Mount Carmel is unmatched."

Such exceptional leadership arose from humble beginnings and learning from example. Growing up in Sherwood, Ohio, Dr. Schiele's parents owned and operated the area's only funeral home and ambulance service. "My mother was a nurse and I witnessed what she did as a nursing professional — provide unparalleled care and compassion to those in need. It wasn't unusual for her to serve lunch to homeless men passing through on the railroad, or to be called to help nearby migrant workers who needed healthcare or help delivering a baby. My father, of course, provided transport to the nearest hospital," Dr. Schiele said.

"My parents' generosity and kind works confirmed that nursing was the right path for me, and I've never looked back. The nursing profession is an exciting one, rich with unlimited career opportunities, and I've been blessed with amazing experiences," she added.

Dr. Schiele earned her diploma in nursing from St. Vincent's in Toledo, then immediately enrolled at The Ohio State University to earn her BSN. While there, she was introduced to Mount Carmel and became a staff nurse at Mount Carmel West. Four years later, she discovered a passion for teaching and became an instructor at what was then the School of Nursing. In 1972, former Director **Eleanor Wilson, MSN, RN**, invited her to become Associate Director. After earning her MSN and PhD in higher education, Dr. Schiele helped spearhead the campaign to transform the School into a degree-granting College, a process that took about half a decade, but resulted in the Ohio Board of Regents granting authorization to transition to Mount Carmel College of Nursing in 1990. That same year, Dr. Schiele was named President and Dean, following the untimely death of Former Director Eleanor Wilson, who succumbed to cancer. Once in her new role, Dr. Schiele wasted no time partnering with faculty to champion the College's growth and transformation witnessed today.

Her impact and influence has been felt by many:

*"Dr. Schiele has always been very supportive of students being involved in the community and our professional organizations. I have been a member of the National Student Nurses' Association for the three years I have spent at Mount Carmel, and Dr. Schiele has always encouraged us to attend state and national conventions by paying our registration and hotel fees. If I did not have this College support, I would not have been able to attend these conventions which have helped me to grow personally and professionally. We are very grateful to Dr. Schiele for encouraging us to see the value of social and intellectual involvement beyond the classroom,"* said MCCN student **Anne Turville**.

*"Dr. Schiele is an example of the importance of pursuing your passions and doing so enthusiastically. She inspires others to pursue what they love, and is a reflection of the encouragement everyone needs. She will always have your best interest in mind, and you'll never see her without a smile,"* added MCCN student **Olivia Ringwalt**.

*"I owe my whole nursing career to Ann Schiele! She kept me from dropping out of nursing school and gave me hope,"* said MCCN alumnae **Sandy (Gehres) Parker ('97)**.

*"It's been a great experience to watch Ann grow the College from the nursing school I once knew. I helped link her with some downtown business people for the School's first Board of Directors, before it became a College. I participated in discussions for the Second Degree Accelerated Program, watching it all come to fruition. I'm so proud of efforts she's made for the College and for herself. She's been exactly what that school and hospital needed,"* said **Barbara (Burns) Lach ('59)**.

*"Once you meet Ann Schiele, you never forget her,"* said MCCN Board Chair **Matt Mazza**, President of Key Bank. *"Maybe it is her smile, or her energy, or her complete and absolute passion for MCCN. Whatever it is, the warmth and camaraderie you feel once she puts her arm around you lasts a lifetime, as does her friendship. Ann's commitment and dedication to MCCN is unprecedented, and her leadership has been a shining example to the entire leadership team at MCCN. As the MCCN Board Chair, I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Ann, and am even more blessed to be able to call Ann my friend,"* he said.

*"If Ann puts her arm around you, you'd better get ready to work or start running,"* added **Kathy Espy**, Directory of Diversity and Community Initiatives.

The warmth and familiarity goes both ways. *"I really consider Mount Carmel to be more like family than work. I've experienced so much joy in watching the School of Nursing grow into the College of Nursing today,"* Dr. Schiele said.

In July, Dr. Schiele will transition to President Emeritus. Said Dr. Schiele in the *Columbus CEO* article highlighting her Lifetime Achievement Award, *"I don't think I have a legacy. All the people in the College collectively, we've all taken the best things from each other. I think the legacy of the college a hundred years from now will be that it cares about its students."*

## Library Update

### Library Summer Hours From Monday, May 12 - Saturday, August 16:

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| Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| Saturday        | 8 a.m. – Noon   |
| Sunday          | Closed          |

### Thank You, Susan!

The library staff would like to express thankfulness and appreciation by recognizing **Susan Kelly**, our work-study student who will be graduating from MCCN on May 10. Congratulations, Susan! She began her work with the library when she enrolled at MCCN as a freshman. After spending four years with us, Susan became an integral part of our "library family." Her enthusiastic attitude, dedication, commitment to learn continuously and willingness to serve our clients by sharing her professional, friendly and kind spirit will be truly missed, not just by the library staff, but by all library visitors that Susan served these last four years. We want to thank Susan for her commitment and wish her all the best as she pursues a career in nursing.

### Graduates: Your Access to the Library After May 10

Remember, your library account remains active for three months past graduation to help you prepare for NCLEX. Check our Exam MASTER database that can help you practice in a real testing environment and prepare you for your Boards exam! Need help and guidance? Talk to your faculty and library staff.

### Cram for Your Exam May 4 in the Library!

To help you prepare for your final exams, MCCN Student Government Association (SGA) and Library Staff will open the library on Sunday, May 4 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. SGA will serve food and refreshments. We are also planning a visit by therapy dogs which can greatly help to relieve your stress and be good, quiet company during your studies.

### Good Luck With Your Exams!

We just supplied enough pens and pencils to help you correctly answer questions and write the best papers ever. Stop by the library and help yourself. We are here to support you.

## ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation

Students graduating from the pre-licensure nursing program are required to attend an ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation.

Students on track to graduate from the pre-licensure program are assessed a \$350 senior year or SDAP fee that enrolls them in the ATI Comprehensive NCLEX Review arranged by the College.

The on-site review is offered in February for SDAP graduates and in the last week of Spring Semester in May for graduating seniors. The on-site format consists of a three-day comprehensive in-class review.

October, December and March graduates are offered an on-site 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.

ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation:

### **May & August 2014 Graduates:**

May 6-8 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
College Gym



# Endowment Established for Dr. Schiele

In honor of Dr. Ann Schiele's vision and impact on Mount Carmel College of Nursing, the MCCN Board of Trustees has established the Ann E. Schiele Presidential Endowment Fund. The fund recognizes Dr. Schiele's unparalleled commitment and dedication to the field of nursing education with a focus on these four areas:

- ▶ **Student Scholarships:** Financing a college education in today's current economic climate is a difficult challenge facing many students throughout the United States, especially with student debt now at record levels. With this new endowment, Mount Carmel College of Nursing will be well positioned to offer scholarships for both graduate and undergraduate students in need. Honor scholarships will be offered for quality improvement projects to students demonstrating leadership skills, high academic abilities and financial need — all to achieve their goals of serving others through careers in nursing.
- ▶ **Collaborative Initiatives:** Dr. Schiele's firm belief in the strong relationship among Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Mount Carmel Health System and CHE Trinity Health have led to a wide variety of collaborative initiatives that have impacted students, educators, colleagues, nurses, physicians, donors, patients, business, government and community leaders. This endowment will provide additional funding opportunities for continuing education through the coordination of resources and expertise for healthcare professionals throughout Mount Carmel Health System and CHE Trinity Health.
- ▶ **Academics and Research:** Dr. Schiele's legacy of growing educational opportunities within the field of nursing will require resources to identify future healthcare profession needs, create the structure and plans for program development and provide the ongoing enrichment of existing programs through research, innovation and technology. In higher education, endowed faculty professorships and chairs are crucial for recruiting and retaining the highest-quality faculty, which enriches the academic environment and attracts the brightest students. Along with recognition, the endowed faculty professorships and chairs help advance instructional programs, develop new research ideas, fund students' work and make innovative advances in their fields, increasing the College's national profile as a Catholic institution of higher education.
- ▶ **Community Partnerships:** This fund will provide expertise and resources to cultivate education, community and clinical partnerships with organizations that share the Mount Carmel's educational and healthcare values and vision. MCCN will work with other academic institutions to meet the greater educational needs of healthcare. Working in partnership with community organizations, Mount Carmel will help provide a holistic approach to the complex needs of underserved families in underserved neighborhoods.

The MCCN Board of Trustees established the fund with a goal of \$1,000,000. The fundraising efforts will culminate at the Mount Carmel Foundation's annual "Champagne and Diamonds" gala on May 10, 2014. This event will be held in honor of Dr. Schiele and celebrate her lasting impact on generations of nurses both past and future. Pledges to the fund may be made over a five-year period and opportunities for planned gifts are also available.

If you are interested in donating to the Ann E. Schiele Presidential Endowment Fund, please contact **Jan Burkey**, MCCN Director of Development, (614) 234-3837 or at [jburkey@mchs.com](mailto:jburkey@mchs.com).

# Commencement 2014: One for the Record Books

When MCCN graduates attend Commencement on May 10, the event will serve as a milestone event in more ways than one. The event, to be held at Grove City Church of the Nazarene at noon, not only will feature a record 254 undergraduate and graduate students, but it is the final commencement for MCCN President and Dean **Ann Schiele, PhD, RN**, who is stepping down in July after serving the College for nearly 50 years.

In honor of this momentous occasion, **Richard J. Gilfillan, MD**, President and CEO of CHE Trinity Health, Mount Carmel Health System's parent organization, will be the Commencement speaker. Dr. Gilfillan has led CHE Trinity Health since last November. Previously, he was the first director of the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). While there, he worked with payers and providers to develop innovative models for improving patient care and reducing costs.

Prior to CMMI, Dr. Gilfillan was President and CEO of Geisinger Health Plan, where he led the design of new payment systems and medical care initiatives that increased the quality of patient care. He also served as Executive Vice President of Insurance Operations for Geisinger Health System, a large integrated health system in Pennsylvania. His prior roles include Senior Vice President for National Network Management at Coventry Health Care and earlier executive positions at Independence Blue Cross.

Gilfillan began his career as a family medicine physician practicing in underserved communities in rural Massachusetts and Trenton, New Jersey. He later became a medical director and a chief medical officer. He earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Georgetown University and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

## Senior Spotlight

Here is what just a few of MCCN's graduating seniors plan to do after receiving their degrees:

### *Kelsy & Cody Houseman:*

Kelsy and Cody not only are graduating together, they are married!

#### What inspired you to go into nursing?

**Kelsy:** I have wanted to become a nurse since my freshman year of high school. I have always loved caring for other people, so I guess it's just in my nature!

**Cody:** My wife, Kelsy, inspired me to go into nursing. I knew I wanted to be in the medical field, but never thought about nursing. Kelsy, who planned on becoming a nurse since middle school, told me about all the different routes and advanced degrees that nursing offered, which really drew me into the field. I couldn't have made a better decision.



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## Affiliated Course Schedule

All courses in the MCCN curriculum are taught at MCCN. The only courses students are permitted to take elsewhere are options for humanities/social science electives. Please contact the Records and Registration Office with questions.

Students taking Summer Session humanities or social science electives at one of our affiliated institutions (Columbus State Community College or The Ohio State University) are required to submit a copy of their course schedules to the MCCN Records and Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 2C01). The deadline for Summer Session submission is **Friday, May 16**.

This is a requirement every semester students take electives 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.

## Freshman Students at Ohio University- Lancaster

All freshmen enrolled in the MCCN-FMC program and taking classes at Ohio University-Lancaster (OU-L) are required to submit their Summer Session OU-L course schedules to the MCCN Records and Registration Office (email to [jturner@mccn.edu](mailto:jturner@mccn.edu)). The deadline is **Friday, May 16**.

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

**FMC program students also must notify MCCN Records and Registration when they drop or withdraw from an affiliated course.** Do not be negligent with this required notification to MCCN. Remember — you must keep MCCN updated on your affiliated status!

## 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 on CARMELink > Student tab > Community Service and in the *Catalog-Handbook*.

Submit documentation of the completed hours requirement to:

- **Rebecca Peyton** (main campus, pre-licensure program)
- **Deidre Smith** (Fairfield Medical Center program)
- **Therese Snively** (online RN-BSN completion program)
- **Kathy Walters** (master’s program)

## Senior Spotlight *cont’d*

### What are your plans after graduation?

**Kelsy:** I would really love to work in Mother-Infant. I am just excited to get experience as a real life nurse! Woo! Someday, maybe I'll become a nurse practitioner, but it's not on my radar anytime soon. For now I will work my three days a week and spend the rest of my days relaxing (something I haven't done, well, forever!) and traveling the world as much as possible with my "nurse," (male nurse) Cody.

**Cody:** I want to work in the critical care setting. I plan on becoming a CRNA in the near future, so I want to get my experience in as a critical care nurse before I go back to school. I also plan on moving somewhere warm and sunny in the near future to escape these treacherous Ohio winters.

### What is your most meaningful experience at MCCN?

**Kelsy:** Hmmm, toughie. I think my whole time spent at Mount Carmel was equally meaningful. I never realized at the time how much I was learning, but I look back now and I'm amazed at how far I've come. Each unique class, clinical experience or interaction with a patient has shaped me to the nurse that I will soon be, and I think that's pretty special!

**Cody:** Being with my wife through it all. We got married the summer before our junior year and truly spent every moment of the last four years together. We have grown so much through this time and I'm so glad that I had her by my side every step of the way.

### What is your favorite memory?

**Kelsy:** I am bad at this. I can't think of a favorite memory. It was always exciting practicing a new skill or doing something special for a patient. But to be honest, my favorite memory is going through it all with Cody. It may be cheesy, but it's what comes to mind. I can't imagine having all these new experiences and not coming home and sharing it with him.

**Cody:** My favorite memory has yet to come, because I know that it will be receiving my degree on May 10.

### What advice do you have for underclassmen?

**Kelsy:** Oh, I could write a book on this! First off, don't be so hard on yourself. You will make mistakes, or have a dumb moment in clinical, EVERYONE does. It is important to learn from your mistakes. Second, give yourself a break sometimes. Go for a run or something. People that study 24/7 stress me out. Nursing school is super important, don't get me wrong, but it's not everything. It will be over in a flash, and it's important to have a healthy balance.

**Cody:** Have a support system around you. Make friends, build relationships and enjoy your time. It may seem long and stressful, but you will look back on your time here and realize how fast it goes. It sounds cliché but it's so true. Oh, and take vacations during your breaks, they are much needed and well deserved!

### Anything else?

**Kelsy:** Be proud of yourself and be so thankful you go to Mount Carmel!

## Sam Bartola

### What inspired you to go into nursing?

It was kind of a funny story. I was a freshman at Ohio State and I was a business major, but I did not like it. I worked at a Japanese steakhouse and one of the patrons had a pocketknife accidentally open in his pocket and cut his hand pretty badly. At the time I knew nothing about first aid and universal precautions, but I helped the guy out as much as I could and a light-bulb went off. After work I went home and talked to my parents about nursing, transferred to Mount Carmel College of Nursing and the rest is history.



### What are your plans after graduation?

I have three main goals that I am going to focus on after graduation. I want to become a surgical nurse and assist in the operating room. I have been fortunate enough to have many different experiences within the field of nursing and I enjoy the responsibility and teamwork in the operating room. My second goal is to get involved with the legislative side of nursing and I want to work alongside policy makers to improve the lives of nurses and patients. Eventually, I would like to take on a leadership role in nursing, whatever that may be down the road. Three big goals, but I believe they are do-able. I also want to do my best to maintain so many of the friendships that I have been blessed and really have become my family.

### What was your most meaningful experience at MCCN?

My most meaningful experience would have to be being involved in the Advanced Placement program. I was lucky enough to be chosen to move through the program a little faster. It was very hard work but also very rewarding. I met many of my closest friends in the program who really have become my family.

### What is your favorite memory?

This is a really tough question, I would have to say meeting my girlfriend Alana in our Obstetrics rotation. She really is a positive force in my life, incredibly supportive and, on a lighter note, she is able to put up with me. She has pushed me to be a better person and we really work well as a team.

### What advice do you have for underclassmen?

I would say you have to surround yourself with good, intelligent people in your social circles. As a result, you are pushed to become better and start to think faster on your feet. Also, people truly underestimate the power of fitness and eating healthy, especially lots of fresh veggies. For me, fitness is the best outlet for stress. Luckily, I have found Gracie Jiu-Jitsu and it has enriched my life greatly. It never hurts knowing self-defense. What a great workout!

### Anything else you'd like to add?

I want to just give a shout out to all my friends and family, especially my mother and father, who have helped me get to where I am today. I truly am grateful for every opportunity with which I have been blessed and I would not be here without them. I also want to say how much I love my brother Dominic Bartola and his Canine Companion, Plato, out in Phoenix, Arizona. He truly is a driving force in my life.

## Withdrawal Policy Reminder

Please be aware of the MCCN undergraduate 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 *Undergraduate Catalog-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.

## Associate Professor **Darrell Spurlock** Presents at Nursing Education Research Conference



Associate Professor **Darrell Spurlock, PhD, RN, FAAN**, recently co-presented along with **Daniel J. Pesut, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN** at the Nursing Education Research Conference.

Associate Professor **Darrell Spurlock, PhD, RN, FAAN**, recently co-presented along with **Daniel J. Pesut, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN** at the Nursing Education Research Conference held at the beginning of April in Indianapolis. Spurlock and Pesut presented on "Advancing the Science of Nursing Education Research: Implications for Multi-Method Research," which explored and evaluated the usefulness of integral theory and mixed-method research designs to support educational inquiry and innovations in nursing education research. Participants were encouraged to discuss nursing education research interests associated with eight types of integral research methods. By framing and reframing nursing education research through mixed-method research, educators were urged to promote innovation and advance the knowledge base and science related to teaching and learning in nursing education contexts.

Presented by Sigma Theta Tau International, Chamberlain College of Nursing and the National League of Nursing, the Nursing Education Research Conference was designed to provide nursing administrators, faculty, students, researchers and leaders in the nursing profession the opportunity to learn more about nursing education. The conference focused on "bridging the gap between education and practice" through oral and poster presentations, educational workshop sessions and influential plenary presentations. The goal was to provide attendees with the tools to enhance nursing education programs to make education more effective in nursing practice.

## Living Water Band Inspires Students

**Students, faculty, staff** enjoyed a concert featuring the *Living Water Band* in the Lounge on Monday, April 7. Presented by Campus Ministry, the concert centered on themes of suffering, forgiveness, love and comfort in the last hours of the life of Jesus. Campus Ministry accepted offerings of socks, hats, gloves or blankets for the homeless living on the land/in tent camps.



# SNAM Update

**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).

## SNAM Students Attend NSNA Convention



SNAM students and Faculty Advisor **Dawn Hughes** attended the recent NSNA Convention in Nashville. L to R, back row: **Dawn Hughes, Maranda Smith, Anne Turville, Ciara Shutts, Megan Robinson**. Front row: **Alexis Martin** and **Caitlin Schoenlaub**.

Five SNAM-FMC students and one SNAM student from the Columbus campus, along with faculty advisor **Dawn Hughes, MS, RN**, attended the National Student Nurses Association's (NSNA) 62nd Annual Convention, April 9-13. This year, the convention was held at the Grand Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme of the convention was "Strong Voices and Big Dreams: Influencing the Future." At the opening ceremony, the keynote speaker, Gloria Ferraro Donnelly, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University, encouraged over 3,000 nursing students in attendance to pay attention to their hunches and act on them to improve nursing care.

### SNAM 2013-14 Officers

President: **Alyssa Krebs**

Vice President: **Britny Fox**

Secretary: **Katie Holland**

Treasurer: **Renee Dicke**

Break Through To Nursing: **Tina Marie Cerra**

Community Director: **Anne Turville**

Membership: **Stephanie Rienschild**

## Wes Steiger's Evidence-Based Research Leads to Pilot Program on Central Lines

When **Wes Steiger**, a senior nursing student graduating in May, recently wrote an evidenced-based research paper, he had little idea it might lead to a pilot program at Mount Carmel West. Involved in the leadership program at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Steiger wrote his research paper on preventing central line infections, noting new technology, called Curoso<sup>®</sup> Caps, that NCH had been using. Curoso<sup>®</sup> Caps, which are devices that lock onto and disinfect IV ports, worked so well that NCH had not had a central line associated blood infection (CLABSI) in more than a year and a half.

"I encouraged him to share this information with the nurse manager for 3 Tower Palliative Care/Oncology at Mount Carmel West (MCW), where he works as a PCA," said **Erin Dougherty, MSN, RN, CPNP**, Steiger's instructor at MCCN. Following this advice, Steiger had a meeting with Signe Gilbert, MSN, RN, the nurse manager for the unit and also a part-time instructor at MCCN, with whom he presented the information on the Curoso<sup>®</sup> Caps and the results being seen at NCH. As a result of Wes's research, the use of Curoso (R) Caps has been implemented on MCW 3 Tower in a special pilot project attempting to reduce CLABSI. Congratulations, Wes!





## Research and Scholarship Day Slated for May 22

**Integrating research into nursing practice** is becoming vital in the emerging healthcare environment. With that in mind, Mount Carmel, MCCN and the Rho Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International are sponsoring Research and Scholarship Day on May 22 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the College Gym. The event will feature **Tricia Thomas, PhD, RN, FACHE**, Director of Nursing Practice and Research for CHE Trinity Health, as the keynote speaker and also feature poster presentations submitted from around the system. For more information, including how to submit a poster presentation, please contact **Dr. Kathy Sommers** at [ksommers@mccn.edu](mailto:ksommers@mccn.edu).

## MCCN Nightingales Wrap Up Softball Season

The MCCN Nightingales softball team just wrapped up their season over at Berliner Park. In addition to the team’s regular participation, the Nightingales also enjoyed support from fans and friends who came along to watch the action.

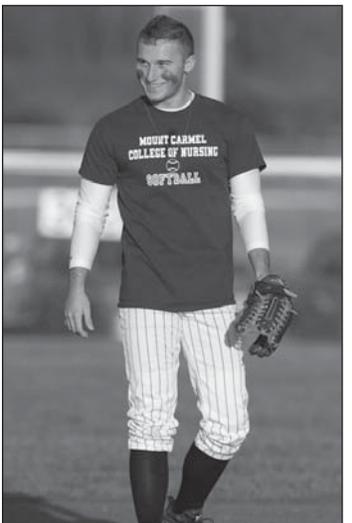
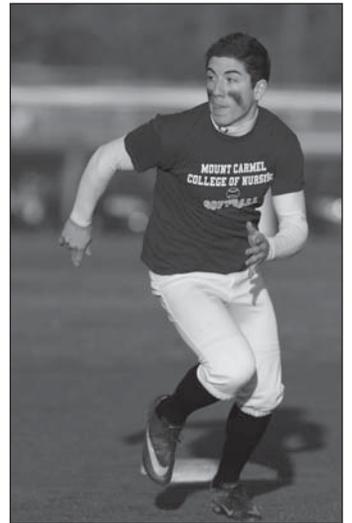
The Nightingales softball team included co-captains **Macy Henault** and **Gabe Ryan** as well as players **Ivan Dominguez, Nick Dreyer, Lindsey Rose, Dane Swartzentruber, Carolyn King, Michelle Gwilyn, Skylr Meredith, Caleb Zwiebel, Jamilah Bashir, Courtney Kimmel, Olivia Gundin, Kaci Gundin, Tiffany Johnson, Morgan Shepherd, Josh Hahn, Kevin Callinan, Malik Smith** and **Charles Smith**.



The MCCN Nightingales softball team, along with a group of friends and fans, enjoyed games over at Berliner Park this year.

# Nightingales Softball Team Enjoys Great Season

The MCCN Nightingales softball team played hard after studying hard in class. These are just a few photos of the team in action.



# What Are Your Plans *This Summer?*

With the end of the academic year approaching, we asked MCCN students and staff what they planned to do this summer. Here is what some of them said:



From left: **Nate Bucci**, sophomore, is going to Country Concert, a three-day long concert featuring 13 performers. Sophomore **Kelsey McCrary** will be working on a med-surg unit, while **Alicia Spears**, sophomore, will be adventuring to Florida or North Carolina for a well-needed vacation!

From left: **Marissa Byrne**, junior, will spend time relaxing by the pool this summer while she is not working full-time at The James. She also plans to see a few concerts during her down time.

**Alyssa Montenaro**, junior, has plans to take some time in Hilton Head, South Carolina to relax and enjoy her vacation time!



Master's student **Latanya Butler** is very excited to start clinicals this summer working with a family nursing practice!



**Gale Kolarik**, Administrative Secretary in the Admissions Office, is traveling to Florida in June to take her grandkids to Disney! She also plans to spend some down time in the sun by the pool.

# Congratulations!

## MCCN Receives PRism Award from the Public Relations Society of America

Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN) received a PRism Award today for 2013 edition of *The Lamp*, a magazine designed for MCCN donors, alumni, community leaders and other friends of Mount Carmel. The award was bestowed for public relations excellence by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA Central Ohio) at an awards ceremony held today. The magazine is a collaborative effort of The Mount Carmel Foundation, Mount Carmel Alumni and MCCN. Special thanks to **Robin Hutchinson-Bell, Jan Burkey, Phylis Crook, Sheila Cooney, Elaine Kehoe** and **Joanna Worthington** for their work on this issue.



## Community Service Opportunity and Diaper Drive

Mount Carmel West is opening a Moms2B Clinic. Moms2B, based in Columbus, empowers pregnant women in high risk neighborhoods to deliver full-term healthy babies by providing weekly group sessions focused on education, nutrition, clinical and social support that continues through the baby's first year of life. Through these efforts, Moms2B aims to reduce racial disparities and infant mortality. In 2010, Columbus had an infant mortality rate of 9.8 infant deaths per 1,000 births, higher than Ohio's average 7.7 and much higher than comparable U.S. cities.

The Moms2B Clinic, which will be located in the Community Resource Center in the 777 West State Street building, needs student volunteers to work with infants and toddlers while their moms are attending the clinic. The clinic opened Thursday, April 3 and is held every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will receive community service hours for their volunteer service. Please contact **Colleen Cipriani, MA**, Director of Student Life, if interested.

The entire college community is invited to help Clinic moms through a diaper drive. Please donate boxes of diapers (newborn on up) at the front desk. The diaper drive will help ensure the new moms will have a ready supply of diapers when they bring their babies home from the hospital.

An advertisement for staying connected with Mount Carmel College of Nursing. It features the college's logo and name, the text 'Find us. Like us.', and a call to action: 'Stay connected with us for news, events, photos and more! Are you on Facebook? Twitter? So are we! Let's get connected.' Below this are icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, each with its corresponding URL: www.twitter.com/mccnedu, www.facebook.com/mccnedu, and youtube.com/mccnedu. The background of the ad shows a satellite dish and a tablet displaying social media content, with the text 'stay connected.' overlaid.

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Megan Robinson**

# Student Government Association Update

## SGA Partners With Library for "Cram for Your Exam" May 4

As noted in the Library Update, the Student Government Association (SGA) is partnering with the Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library for "Cram for Your Exam" Sunday, May 4. The library has agreed to open special hours this day to help you prepare for your final exams from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. SGA will serve food and refreshments, plus we are planning a visit by therapy dogs to help to relieve your stress and be good quiet company during your studies. Come join us!

## Rho Omicron Learns About Impact of Healthcare Reform at April General Meeting

The Rho Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International held its annual general membership meeting on April 7, featuring a thought-provoking presentation given by **Janice Lanier JD, RN**, on "Food, Fire, & Friends," describing how to survive in healthcare reform. Lanier delved into the preparation, management, challenges and collaboration needed to survive with the ever-changing dynamics in healthcare and the roles that might develop. She stressed the 3 C's that are need for nursing education: *Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration*, and encouraged attendees to engage students by incorporating these into our lectures using stems such as: "I know, I think, I wonder," challenging students to use these concepts in their care of patients. Those in attendance walked away feeling motivated, inspired, informed and renewed to think differently in their educational approach and care of patients.



## Volunteer at the MCCN Table at Komen for the Cure

Rho Omicron is proud to represent the College in support of Komen for the Cure, as it has for the past 10 years. As part of our commitment, Rho Omicron is seeking both members and students to volunteer at the MCCN table at the event, which will be Saturday, May 17 in downtown Columbus. Volunteers will be needed from approximately 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.



To register as a volunteer, please contact **Rachel Choudhury** at [rchoudhury@wowway.com](mailto:rchoudhury@wowway.com). Please include your name, email address, phone number and T-shirt size (men's sizes). Further instructions and information about the event location will be emailed to you within one week of the event. If you are a student seeking community service hours, please bring your forms to be signed with you the day of the event.



# Changes Coming to Convocation

With the upcoming academic year, MCCN is changing Convocation to be consistent with the practice of other colleges and universities across the country. Instead of being a mandatory event for all students, **Convocation now will only include incoming new students, their families, plus MCCN faculty and staff.** To better facilitate this, Convocation will be held in conjunction with new student orientation. This year's event will take place Thursday, August 14 at 5 p.m. at nearby Holy Family Catholic Church.

**Students: Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors no longer must attend Convocation. The event has been changed to be part of orientation and will include only new incoming students, their families and MCCN faculty and staff.**

## Countdown to Graduation!

Here is the key information that graduating students need to know before May Commencement:

- Resolve any holds on your student record (business office balance, library materials, financial aid exit counseling) that will prevent you from receiving your diploma and obtaining a transcript
- If not already submitted, complete your Community or Professional Service Program requirement and submit documentation forms to:
  - **Rebecca Peyton** (main campus, pre-licensure program)
  - **Deidre Smith** (Fairfield Medical Center program)
  - **Therese Snively** (RN-BSN Completion program)
  - **Kathy Walters** (master's program)
- Order graduation announcements and thank you notes (optional) via the following link (normal shipping time is 2 weeks) <http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1019569/Mount-Carmel-College-of-Nursing/>
- The deadline for ordering your cap/gown has passed. Contact Records & Registration with questions (614-234-3870)
- Undergraduate traditional BSN program students – Register to take the ATI Predictor and Critical Thinking Assessment. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the Records & Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 201)
- Complete the BSN or MS Graduation Exit Survey. Students completing all requirements by the end of Spring Semester received email notification with a link to the appropriate survey. **Caution:** Do not confuse the notification email about the Graduation Exit Survey with the regular notifications about Course and Faculty Evaluations you are asked to complete at the end of each course
- Schedule your Graduating Exit Survey. See CARMELink > Student tab for details
- May and August pre-licensure graduates: Plan to attend the ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation, May 6 - 8, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (College Gym)

### Prepare for graduation events:

- Graduating Student Reception: Thursday, May 8, 4 p.m. (College Lounge)
- Mandatory Pinning/Recognition and Commencement rehearsal: Friday, May 9, 10 a.m. (Grove City Church of the Nazarene)
- Pinning & Recognition Ceremony: Friday, May 9, 7 p.m. (Grove City Church of the Nazarene); **students arrive by 6 p.m.**
- Commencement: Saturday, May 10, noon, (Grove City Church of the Nazarene); **students arrive by 11 a.m.**
- Tickets are not required for the Pinning/Recognition Ceremony or Commencement
- Appropriate attire for the Pinning/Recognition Ceremony:
  - Traditional pre-licensure graduates: White uniform (not scrubs), adhering to the MCCN clinical dress code. The student uniform may be worn if desired; College shoulder patch is to be removed from the student uniform for pinning
  - RN-BSN graduates: Knee-length white lab coat over professional business attire
  - MS graduates: Professional business attire
- Appropriate attire for Commencement:
  - All graduates: Professional business attire under the cap and gown; no flip-flops or sneakers and no “decorated” caps