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> MOUNT CARMEL College of Nursing

**MCCN-FMC Extends Nursing Care and** Compassion to the Dominican Republic

faculty — Cheryl Mace and Missy Mohler; students — Cora Arledge, Maria Reynolds, and Sylvia Bellinger; (front row, I-r) healer — Suni; students — Rita Morrison, Sara Winland, Shannon Francis, Maggie Arledge, and Jeremiah Ignaszewski.

- the MCCN-FMC mission team and the Dominican Republic healers: (back row, I-r) healers - Sela, Carmen, and Lira;

### Mission Trip Included 10 from MCCN-FMC

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Serving others

**MCCN news & information** 

Hear more about this exciting outreach! Members of the mission team will share their personal experiences and a slide show presentation at the Lunch & Learn on Monday, September 26, in the lounge.

The objective of the mission trip was to educate six female "healers" in the Dominican Republic on Intramuscular (IM) injection technique, so they can administer immunizations/vaccinations in their respective villages. After teaching the healers and overseeing them practice on oranges, participants went with them into their villages and held immunization clinics. All six healers competently administered multiple vaccinations to men, women, and children who usually do not have access to any type of vaccinations.

"Over 200 immunizations were given by both the healers and our students! Rightly so, the students were proud of the tasks accomplished on the mission, as well as the life-long bonds they formed with the healers," said Assistant Professor Missy Mohler, MS, RN.

"We also needed to teach the healers how to remove stitches. A local physician is traveling there in October to perform minor surgeries, and the healers are expected to remove the stitches. We accomplished this through suturing amputated pigs' feet and allowing the healers to remove the stitches," added Mohler.

### **Dates to Remember**

September 12	Founders' Day cake and ice cream
	Background checks (nursing clinical students)
September 19	Constitution Day event
September 21	FA-11 affiliated classes begin at CSCC and OSU
September 26	SNAM meeting
	Lunch & Learn (Dominican Republic mission trip)
October 3	Lunch & Learn (presentation by <b>Fatma A. Al-Lamki</b> )
October 7	Term 1 ends
October 10	Term 1 nursing clinical final exams
October 11-16	Fall break (students only)
October 17	Term 2 begins
October 24	SNAM meeting
November 10	Rho Omicron Induction
November 24-25	Thanksgiving (holiday)
November 28	SNAM meeting
December 9	Term 2 and semester classes end
December 12	Term 2 nursing clinical final exams
December 12-16	Final exams
December 17- January 3	Holiday break

### MCCN-FMC Extends Nursing Care and Compassion to the Dominican Republic *cont'd*

The trip participants slept in hammocks in an open air shelter with no electricity or running water. Thus they experienced how people in these remote villages live and adapt to their world and their culture. They toured a local hospital to observe healthcare differences between these villages and the U.S.

According to Mohler, while free in the Dominican, healthcare there is very poor and limited. Patients come to the hospital early in the morning, take a number, and wait to be seen. The emergency room was one room with a curtain divider — a total of two beds and one doctor. When it is time for the emergency room to close, patients not seen just go home.

"The experience was life changing for many of the participants," concluded Mohler. "The villagers have nothing material, but do have all of the happiness and love in their hearts that anyone could ask for."

> MCCN student Sara Windland watching one of the healers demonstrate her injection technique after our teaching session.

Rho Omicron Induction Ceremony

November 10, 2011

**MSB** Auditorium

Silent auction and light hors d'oeuvres

Details to follow

MCCN student Maria Reynolds showing a healer how to remove sutures.

Healing

# MCCN Code of Conduct: To Be Upheld by All

### "The MCCN Code of Conduct is vitally important to who

we are and how we conduct ourselves in community, academic and practice environments," said Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President/Dean. The Code of Conduct Policy was approved by President's Council in May of this year.

The Code of Conduct reflects the College Mission Statement and core values: Mount Carmel College of Nursing, serving in the spirit of the Catholic tradition, offers excellent science-based educational programs in nursing and allied health in a caring environment.

#### Core Values:

- Academic Excellence
- Respect
- Compassion
- Social Responsibility

"It's understood that the MCCN administration, faculty, staff and student body share in the responsibility of upholding this mission and core values," added Dr. Schiele. "The Code of Conduct is our guide."

Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, President/Dean

Three College committees — the Academic and Professional Misconduct Committee, the Student Government Association, and the Mutual Respect Committee — were charged with the responsibility to write a code of conduct reflecting this level of excellence.

#### These committees developed our College code of conduct, a living document:

- To ensure the integrity of the nursing and allied health professions
- To create an academic and professional environment that reflects the College's mission and core values
- To reflect the policies of the College on standards of conduct
- To follow the policies on nursing practice from the Ohio Board of Nursing (These documents available for review in the student handbook.)

In accordance with the above, it is the expectation that faculty, staff and students will commit to the following:

#### Academic Excellence

- 1. Achieving the highest level of academic excellence that we can through honesty and integrity both in and out of the classroom and in clinical settings.
- 2. Striving to embody excellence and provide the highest quality work in the academic and in the clinical settings.
- 3. Acting in a professional manner while in the College of Nursing and in all activities, functions and clinical sites associated with the College and the profession of nursing.

#### Respect

- 1. Contributing to creating a safe, respectful and supportive atmosphere for teaching and learning.
- 2. Regarding privacy and confidentiality as essential obligations.
- 3. Communicating with peers, staff, and faculty in a professional and respectful manner.
- 4. Taking responsibility for our words and actions.

### REQUIRED Criminal Background Check

### Last Chance On-campus is Today, noon – 2 p.m.!

Every sophomore, junior, senior, RN/BSN, MS, and Dietetic Intern student is <u>required</u> to undergo an annual criminal background check. For the convenience of students, on-campus opportunities for fingerprinting were provided on multiple dates recently. <u>The last opportunity to be fingerprinted</u> on campus is:

#### Monday, September 12, 12 – 2 p.m. (Student Rec Room, Marian Hall lower level)

If you neglected to be fingerprinted when the representative was on campus, you are responsible for scheduling an individual appointment with National Background Check (NBC) and completing this requirement **prior to September 16, 2011.** Information regarding the NBC locations is available from Records and Registration (Marian Hall, Room 201).

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 16, 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 16 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 <u>any time</u> 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.

# 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.

### **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 MCCN 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 MCCN 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 AND HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR SCHEDULE, DO SO IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT IGNORE THIS REQUIREMENT!

### MCCN Code of Conduct: To Be Upheld by All cont'd

#### Compassion

- 1. Demonstrating a commitment to the attributes of compassion, empathy, altruism, responsibility and tolerance.
- 2. Demonstrating caring behaviors at all times.
- 3. Respecting individual diversity through a non-judgmental attitude and approach.
- 4. Working to become a creative problem solver.

#### Social Responsibility

- 1. Refusing to tolerate discrimination, disrespect or bullying.
- Committing to bring any discrimination, disrespect or bullying to the attention of the chairperson of the Academic and Professional Misconduct Committee or the Director of Student Life.
- 3. Refusing to tolerate incidents of dishonesty or lack of integrity.
- 4. Committing to bring incidents of dishonesty or lack of integrity to the attention of the chairperson of the Academic and Professional Misconduct Committee or the Director of Student Life.

### How the MCCN Code of Conduct Came to Be

The Code of Conduct was a year-long project achieved by the collaboration of three College committees: the Academic and Professional Misconduct Committee, Student Government Association and the Mutual Respect Committee. The project was initiated by the Mutual Respect Committee's response to concerns brought forth by Student Government to the Director of Student Life, **Colleen Cipriani.** 

Chair of the Academic and Professional Misconduct Committee, Assistant Professor **Catherine M. Maurer Baack, MS, RN-BC, CNS,** and Cipriani, chair of the Mutual Respect Committee, encouraged their committees to collaborate with Student Government and come up with a College-wide effort. **Dr. Ann Schiele,** President/ Dean, and the President's Council approved the document and then presented it to the College.

### **Preparation for the Nursing Profession**

"The Code of Conduct was developed to focus on key components fundamental to successful professional nursing," said Maurer Baack. "Part of the research that went into development of the Code revealed a discussion among nurse educators faced with preparing students for the myriad of challenges in professional practice today and in the future."

Maurer Baack explained that much of what all of us see and experience on a daily basis in our society challenges even the most intact individuals to question what they believe is the right way to act or what is expected of them as people and professionals.

"We see people make choices and act in situations in which they feel a tremendous pressure to perform...some choose to believe that the end justifies the means. In this environment, not much is certain," added Maurer Baack.

### Applicable Here, Now, and in the Future

"What is certain is that the beliefs/practices expressed in the Code of Conduct are applicable here and now, in this environment. If we, as a College, can strive to adhere to this Code here and now, the lessons learned can be transferred to future situations," said Maurer Baack.

Maurer Baack concluded that the Code challenges everyone at the College to live out the conduct outlined here and help others to also. "We understand that, at best, we are all a work in progress. But that does not mean that we should not continue to help each other be the best we can be."

# "Life Changing" Volunteer Experience



### Senior Michelle Curran

loves working with children. Curran works at Nationwide Children's Hospital and recently joined the med team at Flying Horse Farms (FHF) camp for critically ill children, where she volunteered throughout the summer.

"I experienced life changing and magical fun at camp! FHF was very welcoming and has become a new home for me," said Curran. "I enjoyed swimming, fishing, archery and bonfires with the kids. The volunteering at FHF brought back childhood memories."

Curran decided to volunteer at FHF after hearing about it from Instructor **Hannah O'Handley, MSN, RN, PNP.** 

FHF's mission is to

give sick children a respite from the stress of illness, a fun camp experience similar to that provided for healthy children, and opportunities to meet children with the same illnesses and build life-long friendships.

Curran's FHF volunteering also gave her an insight into the pediatrics area of nursing, where she hopes to concentrate in her career. "I choose nursing because I enjoy helping people strive throughout life. At FHF, I learned a lot about children and about families coping with an ill child."



### Freshman Students at Ohio University Lancaster

Any student enrolled as a freshman in the MCCN-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 MCCN Records and Registration Office (Marian Hall, Room 2C01.) **The deadline was Friday, September 9.** 

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

### **Application for Graduation**

Graduation applications were distributed the week of September 5 to student mailboxes on the main campus. Applications are also available on CARMELink (Student tab  $\rightarrow$  Student Forms or Student tab  $\rightarrow$  Records & Registration).

Applications 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 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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Deadline for information is every other Monday at noon.

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

### **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.

# **Family Ties**



Together at MCCN are (I-r ) freshman Brian Draher, Theresa Draher, BSN, RN, CCRN, and senior Molly Draher.

**MCCN is frequently described** by faculty, staff and students as a "family," with close and personal ties among the members. For assistant instructor and master's student **Theresa Draher**, **BSN**, **RN**, **CCRN**, and two of her children — senior **Molly Draher** and freshman **Brian Draher** — those MCCN family ties can be taken literally.

### Mom and Faculty Member — Theresa

Theresa has multiple Mount Carmel ties: an employee since 1976; diploma grad in 1978, RN-BSN grad in 2000, current student in the master's CNS track; part-time Clinical Instructor, Acute Care; and part-time Quality Improvement Specialist, Quality & Safety, MCHS. Theresa met her husband of 27 years at Mount Carmel where he, too, is employed as Director, Extracorporeal Services (aka Perfusionist).

"As a young child I dreamed of being a nurse. I believe nursing is service to God through service to man. The patient is at the heart of everything in nursing and why I strive to make a difference," Theresa said.

*"Having the whole family in healthcare is amazing! We are very proud of all our children,"* said Theresa, whose oldest daughter Kelli is also a nurse.

"Being together at my alma mater is bittersweet...mostly sweet! We are all very busy. I try really hard to simply be their mom! We all know how embarrassing moms can be at times. But for the most part, I think we like running into one another on occasion."

### Family Ties cont'd

One particularly fond memory is sharing last May's Ireland trip with senior daughter Molly. "Not only did we learn about healthcare in Ireland but we had the opportunity to meet some relatives! I look forward to the memories we will make with Brian (freshman son) here now!"

### Daughter and Senior — Molly

"I decided on the nursing profession because I have always had a passion for helping others. Since I grew up in a home surrounded by the medical profession, it was easy to see that nursing is one of the best ways to do that," said Molly.

Molly chose MCCN because it is small and specialized. "I felt like the instructors would have more time for the students and would be knowledgeable about the information. I also heard that the NCLEX passing rate was one of the best."

When she was a freshman, it took a little while to get used to the idea that her mom would also be on campus. "But we don't see each other that often, and when we do we usually only get to say 'hi' and 'bye' because we have to be somewhere else. My brother and I have gone to the same schools for years so it's pretty normal for me to run into him."

"My long-range career goals are to find a job I love doing that brings happiness to me, the people I work with, and the patients I help."

### Son and Freshman — Brian

Brian decided to enter the nursing profession for two reasons. "The first reason is simply that everyone in my family, not just my immediate family, is in the medical field. The second reason was the exceptional care I received last year, when I had to have a lumbar puncture and a great ER nurse stayed with me while I endured probably some of the worst pain I can remember. Her care was selfless and loving."

Brian chose MCCN because it just felt right. "All three of us on campus together is awesome. It's great that Molly is here, because she can give me tips from a current student's point of view. As for my mom being here, it is a little weird for me because she's not been a faculty member at my school before. But it is great to know that both mom and Molly are right around the corner."

Brian hopes to eventually earn a CNP and work in a dermatology office. He is also interested in exploring travel nursing.

"As the first male in a long line of female nurses in my family, I feel honored that they are here to guide me through and give me their knowledge as I grow into the well-rounded nurse I know they would be proud of."

### **Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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 the *Signing for Instruction* form on the library website at least 48 hours in advance, or by contacting a librarian in person.

### **Technology Fee**

Technology advancements provide excellent resources for students and faculty and allow learning to extend beyond the classroom or skills lab, but there is a price associated with any advancement. Many courses have an online component and computer labs offer access to new and updated software.

A technology fee of \$120 per semester for every student helps the College cover the rising costs of new and updated technologies. The College covered the installation costs, and a portion of the annual software licenses will be covered by the technology fee charged to students. Software used includes Jenzabar, Unbound, Turnitin, Typhon, SPSS, and human simulators. The technology fee keeps per credit hour tuition costs down, while providing the most up to date resources for students. Please contact **Kathy Smith** in the Business Office with any questions or concerns.

### New Face in the Business Office

**Tammy Charles** joined the College on August 29. Please stop by the business office and welcome Tammy when you have a chance.

### **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, September 19 Monday, September 26

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

# Sign-up sheets at the Front Desk. <u>Mandatory</u> training for <u>new faculty, staff, and students</u>

\*\* 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.

### Catholic Mass Schedule at Mount Carmel West Chapel

Sunday at 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at noon

### **American Assembly for Men in Nursing**

#### Mid-Ohio Chapter AAMN First Organizational and Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 22 6-8 p.m. Schneider Multi-Purpose Room: Cap Center

Co-sponsored by Capital University, Department of Nursing

#### Light refreshments served.



This is our first meeting of the mid-Ohio chapter to kick off the organization, elect officers, and plan for future meetings. Please come and join us and meet other men in nursing. You do not have to be a member to attend the first meeting. For more information or to RSVP, contact David Shields, MSN, RN, QTT, at dshields@ capital.edu or d.shields18@yahoo.com.

### **Earn Community Service Hours**

Become a lunch-time reading tutor once a week at Avondale Elementary.

#### Orientation and information:

Monday, September 19 and Wednesday, September 21 12 noon in the Recreation Room *Refreshments provided.* 

#### Questions?

Contact Kerry Dawley, MCCN Instructor, 234-1388; office: CLE 0113.



## SIGN-UP TODAY!

By signing up for our Mount Carmel Communications Alert System you can be alerted and informed in times of crisis, disaster and weather situations.

Faculty, staff and students may self-register for the system by using an on-site MCCN computer. Launch Internet Explorer and enter URL http://mccnalert.mccn.int and simply follow the prompts. Be sure to do the self-test that is part of the self-register process to confirm that the registration has taken place.

The alert system messages are TEXT ONLY and can be sent to cell phones, pagers, personal computers or other electronic message devices. There are no limits to the number of devices that can be listed.

You must register in order to be contacted and check the box to agree to assume any charges for alert system messages. Once registered you must update any changes to listed devices, such as new phone numbers.

If you have questions about the new system, please contact Robin Hutchinson-Bell in College Relations at 234-1372 or rhutchinsonbell@mccn.edu



# **SNAM** Jam



"Let's get quacking!" SNAM Jam attendees display their party favors — adorable miniature nurse duckies. The SNAM Jam kicked off SNAM's 2011-12 year of activities, leadership opportunities, outreach, and interesting speakers. It's not too late to join! Just attend the next SNAM meeting or contact any of the officers or SNAM advisor, Dawn Hughes, MS, RN.



#### SNAM\* News \*Student Nurses Association at Mount Carmel

# Avondale Elementary School Supplies Collection Report

SNAM would like to thank everyone who helped make the collection a great success! This year's collection doubled the number of filled book bags to 31 that SNAM was able to present to deserving students. Plus there were several additional supplies delivered to the school, plus an additional fun item added to each book bag.

Don't miss the October 24 SNAM meeting, where the speaker will be a nurse practitioner who works in the Neuro ICU!

### 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.

September 26, 12-1p.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.

### SNAM Officers 2011-12

President: Kayla Munk

Vice President: Brooke Waddell

<u>Secretary:</u> Stephanie Binkley

> <u>Treasurer:</u> Renee Dicke

Membership Director: Stephanie Reinschield

> BTN Director: Cody Toney

Community Health Director: Katie Baker

# Money Matter\$

### Notes from Alyncia

#### PLUS Loans

In order to receive the PLUS loan, your parents must apply for it. This process must be completed every year. To complete this process, have your parents go to studentloans.gov.

#### **Disbursement of Financial Aid**

We have been processing financial aid for the fall semester. Most refund checks will be ready around the second week of September. Please be reminded that 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.

#### 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 found 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 lender's 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 not be a reason for you to update your FAFSA.

I wish you all a prosperous school year!

Alyncia M. Bowen, PhD Director, Financial Aid abowen@mccn.edu



# **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.

### Student Government Association (SGA) Officers and Representatives for 2011-12

President Brooke Waddell

<u>Vice President</u> Jena Verbance

<u>Treasurer</u> Ashli Temple

Secretary of Records Stephanie Binkley

Secretary of Public Relations 1

Kayla Munk

Secretary of Public Relations 2 Annie Hahn

Senior Class Representatives

Ashley Degoey\* Stephanie Harris Brittany Richards Dani Smith

\*Fairfield Medical Center SGA representative

Junior Class Representatives

Benjamin Moore Symphony Voelkel Molly Wake Ashley Winebrenner

Sophomore Class Representatives

Devon Baldwin Ebonee Caldwell Stephanie Rienschield Brett Teiga

Freshman Class Representatives TBD

> <u>Advisor</u> Colleen Cipriani



## **Lunch and Learn**

At a recent Lunch and Learn, a presentation was given by students who traveled to Ireland over summer break to learn about healthcare practice and nursing education in the "Emerald Isle"

