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## Second Degree Accelerated Program Students Celebrate Completion



SDAP Cohort 7 was all smiles as they celebrated program completion February 7.

**Congratulations to this year's Second Degree Accelerated Program (SDAP) class**, which held its completion ceremony on Friday, February 7. This year, SDAP had 64 participants, and for the first time ever, the rigorous 13-month program had 100 percent retention, meaning all 64 will graduate with a BSN.

"SDAP Cohort 7 was a group of individuals who grew both personally and professionally during the program. We had a lot of firsts in this class: 100 percent retention, one birth, two pregnancies and a male student was the first to be hired on the mother/infant unit at Mount Carmel St. Ann's! In addition, about 50 percent of the cohort had job offers before graduation," said **Tanika Cherry, MSNED, RN-BC**, Coordinator of the Second Degree Program.

SDAP is designed for students who have already earned at least a bachelor's degree in another major to pursue a career in nursing. It offers the traditional BSN program, but in a compressed time frame. Full-time students begin on the first Monday in January of one year and complete the program by February of the following year.

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## Dates to Remember

<b>March 3</b>	Term 1 junior and senior nursing clinical final exams
<b>March 3-7</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>March 10</b>	Term 2 begins
<b>March 24</b>	Summer Session registration begins
<b>April 3</b>	Graduating students' deadline for cap & gown orders
<b>April 4</b>	Last day to drop a Spring Semester 16-week class
<b>April 18</b>	Last day to drop a Spring Semester Term 2 class
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Good Friday (no classes)</b>

## Second Degree Accelerated Program Students Celebrate Completion *cont'd*



## Summer Session 2014

The course schedule for Summer Session will be available to students the week of March 17.

- Registration starts the week of March 24
- A limited number of summer courses will be offered
- Enrollment in sophomore nursing courses is restricted to students accepted into the Summer Advanced Placement Program and is not open to the general student population

**Students will be notified via email and CARMELink regarding additional details and registration instructions for summer.**

## 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** (614-234-5685)

RN-BSN students:  
contact **Tara Spalla** (614-234-5950)

Master's Program students:  
contact **Kathy Walters** (614-234-5408)



*Congratulations!*

# CHE Trinity Health President and CEO **Richard J. Gilfillan, MD** to be 2014 Commencement Speaker



**Mount Carmel College of Nursing** is pleased to welcome **Richard J. “Rick” Gilfillan, MD**, President and CEO of CHE Trinity Health, Mount Carmel Health System’s parent organization, as our 2014 Commencement speaker. Commencement will be held Saturday, May 10 at noon at Grove City Church of the Nazarene.

Prior to joining CHE Trinity Health last November, Dr. Gilfillan 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.

Previously, 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.

Dr. 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.

On a personal note, Dr. Gilfillan was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He is married to Carmen Caneda and has three daughters, one son and three grandchildren. He enjoys playing the guitar, golfing, sailing and reading. His favorite book and movie are *The Godfather* and *Middlemarch*.

## SNAM

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 2013-14 Officers

*President:*

**Alyssa Krebs**

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*Secretary:*

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*Treasurer:*

**Renee Dicke**

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**Anne Turville**

*Membership:*

**Stephanie Rienschild**

## Library Hours

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

### New Staff Member

The library is happy to welcome Health Sciences Librarian **Pamela Bayer!** Pamela can be reached via email at [pamela.bayer@mchs.com](mailto:pamela.bayer@mchs.com). Stop by and say hello!

### Food Policy Updated

Did you notice the updated food policy for the library? Now you can consume snacks and salads in the library. As always, only drinks with lids are allowed.

### Spring Ice Cream Social

Tired of cold winter, heavy coats and boots? It’s time to celebrate Spring with your library staff! Join us March 18 for an ice cream social! We ordered sunny weather. Find out more by following the library on Facebook ([facebook.com/mountcarmel.hsl](https://facebook.com/mountcarmel.hsl)) and Twitter (@MCHSLibrary).

### History Wall

Further enhancements to the history wall display will be installed on the library walls in March. Stay tuned – we are planning a special event to honor alumni and celebrate this accomplishment.

### Graduating? Remember Your Library Account

2014 graduates: remember that your library account needs to be cleared of fines in order to graduate. Stay tuned to the library Facebook page and posters around the MCCN campus to find out how to wipe out all your library fines. It will happen April 1 – we’re not foolin’!

### Donate Your Old Textbooks

The end of Spring term is almost here and your classes will be done once and for all. Don’t throw your used books away – your library will gladly take them for you and put them to good use for your fellow students. Be smart – clean your shelves and donate to your library!

### We Need Your Testimonials

Did you like our customer service, free printing, the faculty or even the free candy? Do you use the library as a place to study? Let us know! We need your comments for our upcoming testimonials page on the library website. Send us your thoughts and stories via email to [library@mchs.com](mailto:library@mchs.com) OR stop by and we can shoot a short video testimonial for the page.

## Affiliated Course Schedule — Deadline Has Passed!

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 Fall or Spring Semester 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 Spring Semester submission was Friday, January 10.

This is a requirement every semester for students who 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 Spring Semester OU-L course schedules to the MCCN Records and Registration Office (email to [jturner@mccn.edu](mailto:jturner@mccn.edu)). The deadline was Friday, January 17.

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

## Associate Dean Angela Phillips Selected as TQR Apprentice



**Angela Phillips, EdD, RN, CNE**, Associate Dean for the Graduate Program at MCCN, has been selected as an apprentice for *The Qualitative Report* (TQR). *The Qualitative Report* is a peer-reviewed, weekly open access journal focusing on qualitative research and published by Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

As a TQR Apprentice, Phillips will conduct three to five preliminary manuscript appraisals using a tool created by the journal called the TQR Rubric, and review three to five manuscripts per year as part of manuscript development teams lead by senior editors. Based upon the quality of service she provides to the journal and its authors as a

TQR Apprentice, after one year, Phillips could be promoted to become an Editorial Board Member of *The Qualitative Report*.

Phillips teaches qualitative methods in master's level research courses and works with students on their required scholarly manuscripts. She also has been on a doctoral dissertation committee for a mixed methods study and served as the qualitative member for this committee.

"My interest in becoming a TQR Apprentice is to become active in the qualitative methods area. MCCN is in the process of developing a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Though this isn't a research-focused doctorate, I do expect students to do projects involving qualitative methods. My goal is to better prepare myself to assist students," said Phillips of her apprenticeship.

## MCCN Receives Collegiate Advertising Awards

**Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN)** recently received national recognition as part of the Collegiate Advertising Awards competition. The competition recognizes excellence in higher education marketing and advertising. MCCN received a Gold Award for *The Lamp Magazine*, which is designed for alumni, donors and the community leaders, and a Silver Award for the MCCN website. MCCN College Relations, under the direction of Robin Hutchinson-Bell, worked in collaboration with the Mount Carmel Foundation and the Office of Alumni Relations on the award submissions. The department has received previous honors from advertising, marketing and public relations professional groups, including:

- ▶ Higher Education Advertising Awards – MCCN received National Awards of Merit for its Total Recruitment Campaign in the Admissions/Recruitment category and for *The Lamp* in the External Magazine category.
- ▶ Thirtieth Annual Healthcare Advertising Awards – MCCN received a Gold Award for admissions/recruitment materials and a Silver Award for *The Lamp*.
- ▶ Public Relations Society of America, Central Ohio Chapter PRism Awards – MCCN received a PRism Award in 2013 for *The Lamp*. MCCN was recognized the previous year for the College's website.

# Term 1 Spring 2014 Final Exam Schedule

MARCH 3, 2014		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
NURS 307	Mother-Infant	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CLE 206	Cooley
NURS 308	Psych-Mental Health	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CLE 114	Bills
NURS 405	Acute	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CLE 310	Dolan
NURS 406	Gerontology	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CLE 114	Maurer Baack
NURS 407	Pediatrics	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CLE 208	O’Handley
NURS 408	Transitions	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	TBA	Dougherty

## MCCN Welcomes Mary Cannon as Director of Financial Aid

**Mary Cannon** has been appointed to the position of Director of Financial Aid at MCCN. She brings an extensive background as Director of Financial Aid at three institutions of higher education, serving most recently at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. MCCN thanks consultant **Alan Wright**, who has worked with the College since the departure of **Alyncia Bowen**. Wright continues to work with Cannon for a few weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

## Brandon Britton Pitches in at a Critical Moment

**When recent** Second Degree Accelerated Program (SDAP) graduate **Brandon Britton** dropped his wife off at a Christmas party, he volunteered to drive some partygoers home since he had not been drinking. When he returned, he joined his wife and some friends at a local bar, and he didn’t pay much attention at first to the guy passed out at the next table, seemingly from too much to drink. When the man’s friends tried to help him leave, they discovered he had no pulse. Upon overhearing this, Brandon joined two other nurses, as well as an undergrad student bound for medical school, to get the man on the ground, clear tables out of the way and begin CPR.

“We got him breathing again and turned him to his side where we assessed his breathing, pulse, mental status and several neuro checks,” said Britton. “His pulse kept slowing down, then racing back up. The police showed up and I asked one of them for his flashlight to check his pupils. He refused, so I pulled out my cell phone, turned on the flashlight app and checked them. They were dilated more than I had ever seen before on a person and unresponsive to the light. He kept going in and out of consciousness so we had to sternal rub him and pinch him aggressively to get him to wake back up. His words were incoherent. We asked his friends what he had taken, and at first they just said alcohol. Finally someone admitted that he snorted Adderall. I felt like there was more they weren’t telling us, but no one would admit to anything else,” Britton said.

Finally, the medics arrived, continued treatment and transported the man to the hospital. The last Britton heard, the man was still hospitalized the next day.

“He was only 25 and I was told had a history of partying a little too much at times,” Britton added.

## 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 the 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.

### 2013-14 dates for the ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation are:

May 2014 Graduates:

May 6-8 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

# January Lunch and Learn: Mount Carmel Street Medicine



**Jackie White, CFNP**, Nurse Practitioner for the Mount Carmel Street Medicine team, talks about the program during the MCCN Lunch and Learn.



Street Medicine Medical Director **Dr. Jack O'Handley** (far right) and Nurse Practitioner **Jackie White** (right, next to Dr. O'Handley) pose with MCCN Lunch and Learn attendees.

**As Medical Director for** Mount Carmel Community Outreach, **John "Jack" O'Handley, MD**, and his colleagues strive to provide healthcare services through the Street Medicine program to area homeless living on the land. MCCN was pleased to welcome Dr. O'Handley to speak about the program at a Lunch and Learn session in January.

The Street Medicine team is comprised of a registered nurse, emergency medical technician, physician or nurse practitioner and a homeless patient advocate. Together they go out weekly to search for individuals in homeless camps and provide them with immediate on-site treatment, education, resources and referrals.

With so many barriers to healthcare, most of those living in camps do not seek medical attention until a situation escalates and requires emergency care and/or hospitalization. By reaching patients where they are, the Street Medicine team is able to treat symptoms before they become more serious and provide that care at a much lower cost to the community.

All Street Medicine services are free, and if prescription medications are required, every attempt is made to give patients free or reduced-cost medications. The award-winning program also provides referrals for continued medical care, mental health services, dental and specialty care and community resources.



**Kathy Espy, BA**, Director of Diversity & Community Initiatives, introduces the speakers.

Lunch is served for Lunch and Learn program attendees.



**Dr. O'Handley** talks to Lunch and Learn attendees about the Street Medicine program.

# MCCN Students Participate in Oxfam Hunger Banquet



Last month, freshmen in the ADMIN class taught by **Kathy Fernandez, PhD, RN**, participated in an Oxfam Hunger Banquet presented by **Colleen Cipriani, MA**, Director of Student Life and **Kathy Espy, BA**, Director of Diversity & Community Initiatives, with help from faculty member **Becky Peyton, BSN, RN**, and Manager of the Mount Carmel Community Resource Center **Ami Peacock**. The Hunger Banquet is an opportunity to raise awareness and bring to life the inequalities in the world in a powerful experience. Too many people believe that hunger is about too many people and not enough food. In reality, hunger is about power and its roots lie in unequal access to resources. Limited access to these resources results in illiteracy, poverty, war and the inability of families to grow or buy food.

During an Oxfam Hunger Banquet, guests draw tickets at random that assign them to a high, middle or low income group. Based on the latest statistics of the number of people living in poverty in the world, 60 percent of the guests sat on the floor and shared a bowl of rice and a pitcher of water. The middle income group, which consisted of 25 percent of the participants, sat at a table and shared a bowl of rice and beans with a pitcher of water. The remaining 15 percent of the participants, or the high income group, sat at a table with linens and china and were served a standard American meal. They ate chicken tacos, broccoli and chips. The participants learned about hunger and poverty, watched a video on hunger in America and heard Peyton's and Peacock's experiences with mission trips to other countries.

"The Hunger Banquet was an eye opening experience. I am glad that I got to be a part of it, and I will have the memory forever. It makes me sad to think that some people just do not get to eat, while I eat all day long, anything I want," said student **Alyssa Whitlock**.

**Jamilah Bashir** added, "Many people are sometimes blind to the things that happen around them, until that person becomes them or someone they are close to that will personally impact their life."

Oxfam is an international organization dedicated to ending world poverty. You can learn more at [www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org).



## 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.

## 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:

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

## 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 and 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 1000 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 will begin Thursday, April 3 and will be 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.

Even though the clinic does not begin until April, the entire College community can begin helping now 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.

## Medical Intern Opportunity in the Dominican Republic

**The Village Mountain Mission** is looking for a RN to spend at least one year, beginning this summer, working in remote villages of the Dominican Republic with local health promoters. The health promoters have been trained to monitor the health conditions of individuals and families who may otherwise never have the opportunity to see a medical professional in their lifetime. Responsibilities include: periodically holding health clinics and monthly monitoring 80 patients to renew medications, monitoring blood pressures and assessing patients with diabetes. The intern will be supported by a local physician who is a consultant for the mission. All expenses are paid including flights, housing, food, transportation, communication and various other expenses for the entire year. If interested, please call Bill Benson at (740) 318-4538.

## Student Alumni Mentorship Pilot Program in Full Swing

**The Student-Alumni Mentorship pilot project** is now a month old. The 13 sophomores, who are nicknamed “bigs,” offer support and guidance to 13 freshmen, called “littles.” They met on January 5 to introduce themselves to each other and share pizza and salad. On January 26, the group gathered for some brownie fixes and informal conversation.

The alumni part of the program began on January 26, also with 13 alumni volunteering to be supportive, informative and to provide a professional resource for both the freshmen and sophomores. They communicate face-to-face, by phone, text or email.

The Student-Alumni Mentorship pilot project is in place for the Spring Semester and will be evaluated in May 2014. If participating students and alumni find the program to be beneficial, it will be rolled out to all students in the Fall.



# MCCN Asks: What Are Your Plans for Spring Break?

With extreme cold and more snow than we could ever want this year, it only seems appropriate to look forward to Spring Break. We asked some students, faculty and staff what their plans are. A couple people shared their best Spring Break memories.



**Jennie Blackburn** (right) plans to work extra hours at Mount Carmel East as a CPA. **Savannah Whitten** (left) is thinking about going zip lining with her sister.



**Lauren Darlington** is going to Costa Rica for a medical mission trip.



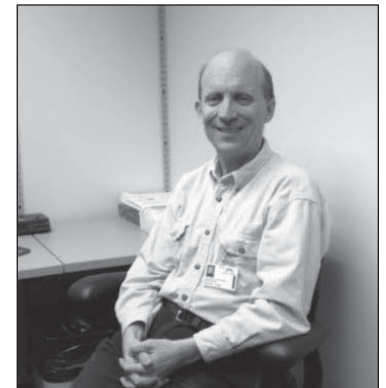
**Tyler Foy** is turning 21 over Spring Break! Happy almost birthday, Tyler!



**Amanda Baki's** favorite memory of Spring Break was a trip with her dad last year to Florida. The two went to Naples and Orlando and even got a chance to check out Disney and Harry Potter World!



Memories: **Dr. Barbara Barta** wanted to go to Florida for Spring Break during her senior year of college but got an even better surprise from her parents...a trip to Europe in September!



**Gregory Halbe** is going to visit his 84-year-old father in Wisconsin. Hopefully the weather is a little bit warmer!



**Hannah Parsons** (far left) is going to Nashville for Spring Break, while (from left) **Melissa McPherson**, **Taylor Morris** and **Michaela Thompson** will be getting some well-needed relaxation time.

# A Note From the Mutual Respect Committee

## Incivility — a brief trend or our new normal?

*The Merriam-Webster definition of civility is “polite, reasonable and respectful behavior.”*

Professor P.M. Forni, founder of the Civility Initiative at Johns Hopkins University, states, “Civility means a great deal more than just being nice to one another. It is complex and encompasses learning how to connect successfully and live well with others, developing thoughtfulness and fostering effective self-expression and communication. Civility includes courtesy, politeness, mutual respect, fairness, good manners as well as a matter of good health.”

Unfortunately, according to the fourth annual Civility in America: A Nationwide Survey, conducted by global public relations firm Weber Shandwick and public affairs firm Powell Tate in partnership with KRC Research, there is a disturbing trend in American society. The report states, “Civility in America continues to erode and rude behavior is becoming our ‘new normal.’” This year’s study found that 70 percent of Americans believe incivility has reached crisis proportions. It further states, “With Americans encountering incivility more than twice a day on average (2.4 times per day), and 43 percent expecting to experience incivility in the next 24 hours, dealing with incivility has become a way of life.” Who does the report assign most of the responsibility for this decline? Politicians, the Internet and social media were at the top, and Twitter was perceived as the cause of the most significant increase. Interestingly, Albert Einstein (1879-1955) predicted it long ago when he said, “It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.”

The Mutual Respect Committee was formed in 2011 after our Student Government Association (SGA) reported witnessing an increase in campus incivility. SGA requested that a committee of students, faculty and staff be formed to find solutions to help end these disrespectful behaviors. Although the committee has brought an increased awareness of the problem on our campus with the Code of Conduct and a faculty/staff workshop with Dr. Cynthia Clark, we still have a long way to go to eliminate incivility at MCCN. The Mutual Respect Committee is committed to redoubling our efforts and we believe that with careful planning, we will begin to see positive changes on campus in the coming months. Of course, we can do nothing without the help and support of the entire College community. We hope you will contact us if you have any questions, comments, concerns or issues.

Finally, American writer Henry James wrote, “Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind, the second is to be kind and the third is to be kind.”

Sincerely,

**Colleen Cipriani, MA**, Director of Student Life  
Chair

### Committee members:

**Brielle Daugherty**, SGA  
**Quinn Davis-Cox, MS, RN**, Faculty  
**TiAnna Dijanni**, SGA  
**Whitney Eal**, SGA  
**Sarah Keller**, SGA  
**Emily Kirkham**, SGA  
**Hannah Lewis**, SGA

**Kathryn McLain, BSN, RN**, Faculty  
**Hannah O’Handley, MSN, RN, PNP**, Faculty  
**Deidre Smith, MSN, RN**, MCCN-FMC Faculty  
**Dane Swartzentruber, SGA**  
**Kathy Walters, MS, RNC, NNP-BC**, Student Health Nurse, Faculty

## 2013-14 Student Government Association (SGA) Officers and Representatives

President  
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### Sophomore Class Representatives

**Claire Allman**  
**Maddie Hostettler**  
**Sarah Keller**  
**Ashley McCord**  
**Morgan Shepherd**  
**Nicole West**

### Freshman Class Representatives

**TBA**

### FMC Representatives

Juniors: **Alexis Brown and Megan Robinson**

Advisor  
**Colleen Cipriani**

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# Rho Omicron Update



Members of the Rho Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International met for their annual general membership meeting.



Rachel Choudhury MSN, RN, CNE; Ann Waterman, PhD, RN, and Barbara Barta, PhD, RN, at the Rho Omicron general membership meeting.

**On February 10,** the Rho Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) held its annual general Membership Meeting. Numerous members gathered for this luncheon and the opportunity to engage, network and learn what the STTI website has to offer for its members and non-members. **Rachel Choudhury MSN, RN,** Rho Omicron's secretary, navigated the STTI website for those in attendance.

Each member and non-member of Rho Omicron is encouraged to go to the STTI main website and explore each area of the tabs at the top of the page, as well as the tabs listed within the home page middle section and each tab on the side. The site has valuable information to offer for scholarship, education, evidence-based nursing, networking, continuing education opportunities and other leadership information.

Mark your calendars for the next Rho Omicron general membership meeting on April 7 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the College Lounge. More information will be forthcoming.

Check out the STTI website at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Pages/default.aspx>.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**2014 MOUNT CARMEL RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP DAY**

**Integrating Research in Practice**  
**Thursday, May 22, 2014**  
**8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
Mount Carmel College of Nursing Gymnasium

**Keynote: Tricia Thomas, PhD, RN, FACHE**  
Director of Nursing Practice and Research  
Catholic Health East/Trinity Health

**Registration information coming soon.**  
For more information, contact Dr. Kathy Sommers at [ksommers@mccn.edu](mailto:ksommers@mccn.edu)

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## Countdown to Graduation!

Stay tuned to CARMELink for updates regarding key information that graduating students need to know before May Commencement. Check this update for important deadlines and suggestions to keep your path to graduation on track. Here are some important reminders as we get closer to graduation:

- **Make sure you are on track to complete all degree requirements by requesting a degree audit**
  - Pre-licensure students: contact Records & Registration (Marian Hall, Rm 201)
  - RN-BSN students: contact Tara Spalla (tspalla@mccn.edu)
  - Master's students: contact Kathy Walters (kwalters@mccn.edu)
- **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
- **Complete the Community Service or Professional Service hours 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/>
- **Order your cap and gown by April 3, 2014 if you are attending Commencement on May 10.** Orders are placed online at: <http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1019569/Mount-Carmel-College-of-Nursing/> See ordering instructions above under "Cap and Gown Order Deadline." Contact Records & Registration with questions (614-234-3870)
  - Try on your cap and gown when it arrives
  - Remove wrinkles according to instructions provided and hang up the gown until Commencement
- **Undergraduate traditional program students – register to take the ATI Predictor and Critical Thinking Assessment** coming up soon! Students will be notified via email how to sign up for a date and time
- **Complete the BSN or MS Graduation Exit Survey.** Students completing all requirements by the end of Spring Semester and receiving diplomas on May 10 will receive an email notification the week of March 24 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*
- **May and August pre-licensure graduates: plan to attend the ATI Comprehensive Review for NCLEX Preparation, May 6-8, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., College Gym**
- **Prepare for graduation events:**
  - Graduating Student Reception: Thursday, May 8, 4:00 p.m., College Gym
  - Mandatory Pinning/Recognition and Commencement rehearsal: Friday, May 9, 10:00 a.m., Grove City Church of the Nazarene
  - Pinning & Recognition Ceremony: Friday, May 9, 7:00 p.m., Grove City Church of the Nazarene; students arrive by 6:00 p.m.
  - Commencement: Saturday, May 10, 12:00 noon, Grove City Church of the Nazarene; students arrive by 11:00 a.m.
  - Tickets are not required for the Pinning/Recognition Ceremony or Commencement
- **Wear 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
- **Wear appropriate attire for Commencement:**
  - For all graduates: professional business attire under the cap and gown (no flip-flops or sneakers and no "decorated" caps)

## Cap and Gown Order Deadline!

Each graduate attending Commencement on May 10 is responsible for ordering and paying for his/her own cap/gown **no later than April 3, 2014**. Orders are placed online at <http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1019569/Mount-Carmel-College-of-Nursing/>. Contact Records and Registration with questions (614-234-3870).

- Follow the prompts for "Graduation Caps and Gowns"
- Click on either the bachelor's or master's product (they are different!)
- Follow the prompts to place your order
- *Note: one tassel comes with your order; there is an option to order additional tassels*

Visit [www.mccn.edu/news/commencement-weekend](http://www.mccn.edu/news/commencement-weekend) for event details.