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MCCN Admissions Team Works Hard to **Attract Top Notch Students**



Paige Dirmeyer, Julia Farkas, Gale Kolarik and Kim Campbell work to attract the best and brightest students to MCCN.

Ensuring MCCN continues to get the best and the brightest students to fill its ranks is no easy task. It's a duty that falls to the College's small but mighty Admissions team.

The biggest push happens in the fall, when Director **Kim Campbell** and Admissions Counselor **Paige Dirmeyer** each visit about 50 high schools and roughly 20 college fairs a piece, on top of hosting one or two open houses during the four-month span of August-November. Each open house attracts between 60 and 100 prospective students.

"We visit all high schools in the Columbus and Lancaster areas, where our campuses are located, as well as areas that our current students come from. Sometimes we also travel to Cleveland, Toledo or Cincinnati, but most of our students come from the nine-county region surrounding the College," said Campbell.

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Dates to Remember

April 3	Graduating students' deadline for cap & gown orders
April 4	Last day to drop a Spring Semester 16-week class
April 18	Last day to drop a Spring Semester Term 2 class
April 18	Good Friday (no classes)
April 21	Fall Semester registration begins

Summer Session 2014 Registration

Registration for Summer Session is now open

- A limited number of summer courses will be offered
- Check CARMELink for registration instructions and summer schedule
- Registration windows dates are based on your **current (Spring 2014)** classification
- Course requests are in "reserved status" until approval by Records & Registration
- 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

Fall Semester 2014 Registration

- Fall Semester schedule and instructions will be posted to CARMELink the week of April 14
- Fall Semester registration will begin the week of April 21
- Registration windows dates are based (again) on your **current (Spring 2014)** classification
- Course requests are in "reserved status" until approval by Records & Registration
- Fall Semester juniors and seniors — watch for announcements about new scheduling process for nursing clinical courses

MCCN Admissions Team Works Hard to Attract Top Notch Students *cont'd*

In between these events and travel, the Admissions team answers online and phone inquiries and makes time for walk-in or scheduled appointments from those who could not attend an open house, high school visit or college fair.

There is also a large marketing campaign done in conjunction with College Relations, led by Director **Robin Hutchinson-Bell**. Efforts include recruitment related website content, print ads and billboards, as well as printed materials that the team uses for open houses, high school visits and college fairs. College Relations also helps develop the mailing.

"We really appreciate our great working relationship with College Relations because marketing is integral to meet admissions goals. Even though she's not an official member of the Admissions team, we don't take Robin's help lightly," Campbell said.

With a current total enrollment of 1,167 students for all programs, the College has more students now than ever before. Despite a trend of decreased undergraduate applications among all higher education institutions due to declining high school populations, MCCN still has the same number of confirmations each year.

MCCN typically receives between 650-700 applications for 140 freshman spots each year. Another 120-200 applications are received for the 64 seats available in the Second Degree Accelerated Program. Only half of the 40 seats are external for the Advanced Placement Program, in which a student takes all of his or her sophomore classes in one summer, provided all of their non-nursing classes are complete. By fall, these students are juniors.

"There are more qualified applicants than available spots and nursing is a popular major," Campbell said.

The College also receives many transfer requests, most of which cannot be filled. MCCN students tend to come and stay, and few drop out or transfer. This means there are little if any sophomore seats to be filled.

"Sometimes people don't get serious about their major until their sophomore year, and other times they are not able to get into the nursing program after being admitted to their school, so they request to transfer here. There are also those who try to be economical and take their elective non-nursing classes elsewhere and then request to transfer, only to learn we don't have the spots. This has been true the past few years and we haven't admitted any yet this year," said Campbell. "One of the challenges we will be facing in the next few years is responsible growth. Will we meet this additional need through more space or more faculty?" she added.

On top of the high quality education it provides, MCCN continues to be a popular choice for applicants due to several distinct advantages. As a single-purpose institution, MCCN focuses on one thing: nursing. Even the general education classes are geared toward nursing. In addition, the College is a direct admission institution, meaning that once students are accepted to MCCN, they don't have to qualify



again later to get into the nursing program. MCCN also offers a tuition discount to students who find work within Mount Carmel Health System. Once a student has been employed at Mount Carmel for six months, he or she is eligible to receive a 25% discount on tuition. After two years of employment within the system, a student is eligible for a 50% discount.

The biggest challenge applicants face is having the required grade point average (GPA). Because they want to maintain high academic standards, the faculty is rigid in their GPA requirement for undergraduates, transfer students and graduate students alike. GPA continues to be a challenge students must meet once they are accepted and enrolled as well.

“Once undergraduates hit their junior year, they’re eager to get a job, and many may have financial reasons for wanting to do so while still in school. Still, it’s important for students to keep their GPA up and sometimes after students take a job, their grades suffer,” Campbell said.

The same is true for graduate students. The advanced practice nursing program is in demand but rigorous.

Applicants for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year continue to be high caliber. They are academically sound, on point with what they want to do as a career and eager applicants. There is generally a high level of interest once the online applications become available after Labor Day each year.

When asked how the Admissions team continues to work so well with the demands related to record enrollment, Campbell said, “We’re a small but mighty group, and we get a lot of done. As

an Admissions Counselor who also happens to be a recent college graduate,

Paige [Dirmeyer] has a unique lens and insight to College admissions, along with a lot of energy and good social media skills.

As Secretary, Gale [Kolarik] does the job of many. She gets all the processing done and still has time to counsel students. She’s rare in that she can multitask and get everything done very efficiently. She brings a lot to the table.”

Dirmeyer added, “We are good about having an open door policy and are in constant communication about everything. Whether it’s a new applicant or transfer student, we’re always well aware of what’s happening with the other’s person’s role and can assist as needed. We’re cohesive and keep the job fun even when it can get monotonous.”

“Even though we’re small, we have all the right people in place,” said Campbell.



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.

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 OR stop by and we can shoot a short video testimonial for the page.

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)

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. Second Degree Accelerated students will receive information from the Program Coordinator about the ATI review session.

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.

Kathy Espy Honored as Ambassador of Education by Greater Columbus Helping Hands



Kathy Espy, BA, Director of Diversity and Community Initiatives, was among six community and business leaders honored Saturday, March 8 by the Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, Inc., (GCCHH) during their 9th Annual Scholarship and Awards Celebration at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. Espy was honored as an Ambassador of Education at the ceremony, where GCCHH also awarded scholarships for books and fees to 16 students currently attending college and inducted 24 graduating high school seniors who will become first year college students into the Stepping Off to College Program.

In Espy's honor, GCCHH also presented a \$1,000 check to Columbus Scholar House,

a living community for lower income, full-time higher education students and their families.

The Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, Inc., is an organization that consists of volunteers committed to enhancing the educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth in the Columbus area. GCHH was founded in 2006 and has awarded more than \$260,000 to 168 college students for books and fees as well as 76 laptop computer packages to graduating high school seniors for participation in the Stepping off to College Program.

Espy was honored for her long time commitment to education and the community. Long before her role as Director of Diversity and Community Initiatives at MCCN, Espy served on the Mount Carmel Foundation Board and as the first African-American trustee on the Mount Carmel Foundation Board. As part of her involvement, she was invited to a meeting to develop a strategy to support minority students in their journey to become professional nurses. That meeting turned into a job and the implementation of "The Learning Trail," an innovative strategy of advocacy and support for underrepresented students which positively impacts retention and graduation rates. Espy brings a unique understanding of the challenges of diversity and inclusion facing colleges and universities. With support and encouragement, students can maximize their opportunity for educational success, impacting their families and future generations. As the mother of four daughters, Espy is aware and supportive of programs which recognize and celebrate women and girls. She began Mount Carmel's "A Gathering of Women" receptions, which recognize accomplishments and achievements of women in the Columbus community.

Espy also has served on the boards of Action for Children, Heritage Day Health Centers, Balletmet Columbus, the YWCA Board of Trustees, YWCA Endowment Trust and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Commission, among other organizations.

Some of her past honors include: the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, United Negro College Fund, the Columbus Junior League, AEP Foundation, The Walter and Marian English Foundation, The Ohio Association of College Administrators, The Columbus Black Nurses Association, Mount Carmel College of Nursing, St. Paul A.M.E Church, The Columbus Chapter, Jack and Jill of America and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. She is a member of the YWCA Academy of Women of Achievement and is one of only three women to receive the YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Congratulations to **Kathy Espy** on yet another community honor!

Missy Mohler Receives Turnitin All-Star Awards Honorable Mention

Congratulations to Missy

Mohler, MS, RN, for receiving an Honorable Mention in the Turnitin All-Star Awards! Turnitin is a cloud-based service for originality checking, online grading and peer review, which saves instructors time and provides rich feedback to students. The Turnitin All-Star Awards Program was established to recognize Turnitin customers and users that have demonstrated excellence and success in effectively using or promoting the use of Turnitin to support student learning.

More than 250 nominations were received and reviewed for all award categories. From these, 24 finalists were selected at both the secondary and higher education level for all individual categories.

Mohler was selected as a finalist and then received the Honorable Mention for the Grading & Feedback All-Star Award. The Grading & Feedback All-Star goes to the educator that has demonstratively used Turnitin to: provide rich feedback on student work, save time grading and streamline the grading and teaching process.

At MCCN, students are required to submit all papers written in American Psychological Association (APA) Style to Turnitin, which faculty use for originality checking. In the past, Mohler would grade the papers using the Track Changes feature within Microsoft Word. She's since transitioned to using Turnitin's GradeMark tool, which has saved her tremendous time and helps her students to understand why they've received the grade that they earned.

"When I use Turnitin, I allow the students to submit their papers as many times as they choose prior to the due date. What I've found is that this really produces higher quality papers, and therefore it's a lot easier to grade, and quicker," Mohler told Turnitin in her online profile.

Since Mohler teaches online RN-BSN classes as well as traditional classroom classes, she likes Turnitin's voice feature, which allows her to record in more detail her reasoning behind a grade a student receives.

"We have online students throughout the United States, so I never get the opportunity to meet with them face-to-face. I think these voice comments really allow it to become more personable and more authentic and genuine. It allows me to better explain myself as to why I gave them the grade that they got. And sometimes when you type something, you may still need to provide more input and to be able to verbalize that to them and for them to hear you talk about it. I think that they can then understand where I'm coming from as far as why they received that grade," Mohler said.

Aside from saving faculty time grading papers, Mohler says Turnitin also provides a great advantage to students because "they have the ability to see their mistakes and correct them before they turn their papers in. So, if they can correct those grammar and spelling mistakes before they submit their final paper, it eliminates the need for us to do that and grade them appropriately," she said.

Because of her success with Turnitin, Mohler will be presenting the application's additional capabilities to other MCCN faculty soon.



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). 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)

MCCN Participates in Nurses Day at the Ohio Statehouse



Tina Marie Cerra enjoyed Nurses Day at the Ohio Statehouse.



Also taking in Nurses Day were **Matt Jarobe, Liz Roebuck and Zach Motter**

Four MCCN students — **Tina Marie Cerra, Matt Jarobe, Liz Roebuck and Zach Motter** — and two faculty members — **Kerry Fankhauser, MSN, RN** and **Pat McKnight, MS, RD, LD, FADA**, were part of more than 400 nurses and nursing students that descended upon the Ohio Statehouse on March 5 for Nurses Day. The annual event brings together nursing advocates with state legislators to discuss policies and issues important to nurses.

Although the Ohio Nurses’ Association planned a day full of speakers in the Statehouse Atrium, MCCN students and faculty had the privilege of meeting with Ohio legislators or their aides to learn what their hot button issues are and discuss related issues in nursing and healthcare. In the morning, Cerra, Motter and Roebuck met with the staffs of State Sens. Jim Hughes (R- District 16) and Troy Balderson (R- District 20). Senator Balderson has visited the MCCN-FMC Health Policy class to discuss his role in healthcare policy and legislation. Meanwhile, Jarobe and Professor McKnight saw the aides for State Sens. Kris Jordan (R-District 19) and Bob Peterson (R-District 17).

The group had lunch with the rest of the Nurses’ Day attendees. A few of the MCCN students sat at a table with State Rep. Mike Stinziano (D-District 18), who, similar to Sen. Balderson, visits the MCCN main campus health policy class to discuss his role in healthcare policy and legislation.

In the afternoon, Cerra, Jarobe and Roebuck met with the aides for Stinziano, along with the aides for State Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl (R- District 68) and State Rep. Stephanie Kunze (R-District 24) herself. Professor McKnight and Motter met with State Rep. Gerald Stebleton (R-District 77), who agreed to visit the MCCN-FMC Health Policy class in April.

At the overall event, topics of the day included nurse staffing, national nursing and health trends, grassroots advocacy and Ohio House Bill 301, which would allow advanced practice nurses to delegate administration of medications to other qualified medical assistants. Professor Fankhauser also participated in a panel discussion with representatives of other nursing colleges. Organized by the Ohio Nurses’ Association, keynote speakers included: Terri Gaffney, MPA, RN from the American Nurses Association, State Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-District 13) and State Sen. Randy Gardner (R- District 2).

Cerra, a non-traditional student who previously lived overseas, had wanted to attend Nurses Day for several years, and was finally able to this year since it fell over spring break. "We're in a unique time in history and in nursing, with universal healthcare. We have an opportunity to enter the dialogue and change the world," she said.

Cerra was invigorated by the experience. She gave the example of a current issue facing school nurses: if a student experiences a first-time peanut allergy and goes into anaphylaxis, and if there is already epinephrine (an "epi-pen") in stock for another allergy-diagnosed student, the nurse currently cannot administer that medication due to a current law that states that medications for one student cannot be administered to another.

"They [legislators] don't know what is taken for granted. We need to make them aware," said Cerra, who encourages fellow students to take advantage of this opportunity next year.

"We as a profession are more than a skill set or a license to practice at the bedside. We can make a difference with policies that affect our families and our lives. This opportunity is a place for those who want to know the impact they can make outside of the clinical setting," Cerra said.

Donations Help Upcoming Mission Trips



Many thanks to all the students, faculty and staff as well as Mount Carmel West associates who donated much-needed supplies for upcoming MCCN mission trips. **Kathy Espy**, Director of Diversity and Community Initiatives; **Robin Hutchinson-Bell**, Director of College Relations and College President **Ann Schiele, PhD, RN**, show off just some of the supplies that were donated for an upcoming trip to Nicaragua. Special thanks to John Lawson, Regional Director of Trinity Information Services, **Tonya Jones** and Mount Carmel West Radiology and **Kathy Smith** and **Pat McKnight** from the College for helping provide vital supplies for those in need.

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.

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-FMC Students Headed to NSNA Convention in April

Five SNAM-FMC members — **Alexis Martin, Maranda Smith, Ciarra Shutts, Megan Robinson** and **Caitlyn Shoenlaub** — will be heading off to Nashville for the National Student Nurses Association Annual Convention, to be held April 9-13. This year's convention, "Strong Voices and Big Dreams: Influencing the Future," will feature a host of speakers and presentations geared at improving attendees' leadership, clinical and professional skills.

SNAM 2013-14 Officers

<i>President:</i> Alyssa Krebs	<i>Break Through To Nursing:</i> Tina Marie Cerra
<i>Vice President:</i> Britny Fox	<i>Community Director:</i> Anne Turville
<i>Secretary:</i> Katie Holland	<i>Membership:</i> Stephanie Rienschild
<i>Treasurer:</i> Renee Dicke	



SDAP Cohort 8 Receives Sophomore Pins



Congratulations to the Second Degree Accelerated Program (SDAP) students, Cohort 8, for receiving your sophomore pins! SDAP 8 students were honored on February 27 in the MSB Auditorium.

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. These full-time students began their student nursing journey in January and will complete the program in February 2015.



Spring 2014 Final Exam Schedule

Columbus Campus, Traditional Pre-Licensure Program

MONDAY, MAY 5		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
NURS 405	Acute	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CLE 114	Dolan
NURS 406	Gerontology	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CLE 206	Maurer Baack
NURS 407	Pediatrics	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CLE 210	O'Handley
NURS 408	Transitions	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	MH A,B,C, Wilson Room, CLE 0122	Dougherty
NURS 307	Mother-Infant	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CLE 206	Cooley
NURS 308	Psych-Mental Health	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CLE 210	Bills
NURS 309	Med Surg	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CLE 114-116	Beyer
PSYC 225	Human Growth & Development — all sections	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 noon	CLE 208	Hickey
SCIE 124	Anatomy & Physiology II — all sections (students test during one 50-min. session)	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	MH-Chem Lab	Loscko
HUMN 320	Ethics — all sections	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	CLE 310	Hiltbrunner
HLTH 416	Health Policy	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CLE 114	Fankhauser
TUESDAY, MAY 6		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
ENGL 110	English Composition	9:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	MH-A	Abbott
NURS 205	Foundations/Health Practices	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	MSB Auditorium	Al-Lamki
NURS 421	Community Health Nursing	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MH-B	Chops
HUMN 110	Comparative Religions — all sections	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	CLE 114-116	Halbe
HUMN 202	Human Expressions-Spiritualities	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	MH-A	Cooley
NURS 361	Nursing Research — sections M01 & M03	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CLE 310	Houchard
NURS 361	Nursing Research — section M02	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CLE 206	Bevan
HLTH 320	Statistics	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CLE 208	Houchard
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
SOCL 101	Introduction to Sociology — all sections	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	MH-B	Hilty
NURS 206	Pharmacology	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	MSB Auditorium	Duggan
SCIE 220	Nutrition	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	CLE 116	Dreifke
THURSDAY, MAY 8		TIME	ROOM	FACULTY
SCIE 231	Pathophysiology II — all sections	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CLE 114-208-210	Stinner
SCIE 125	Microbiology — all sections	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	MH-B, CLE 310	Voorhees
HLTH 202	Cultural Comp in Healthcare	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	MH-B	Gregg
PSYC 310	Understand the Self	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	MH-A	Hilty

1. Faculty will schedule Seminar final exams as needed.
2. All final grades will be accessible on CARMELink to students without record holds.

Endowment Established to Honor 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 between 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.

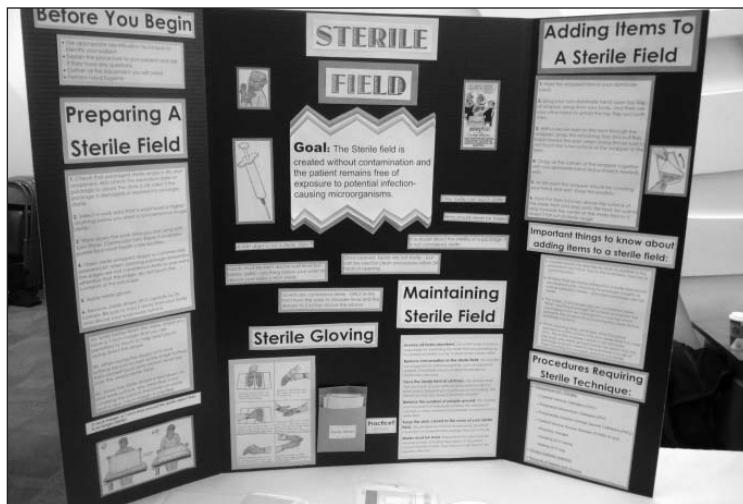
The MCCN Board of Trustees established the fund with a goal of \$1,000,000. The fundraising efforts will culminate at the Mount Carmel Foundation's annual "Champagne and Diamonds" gala on May 10, 2014. This event will be held in honor of Dr. Schiele and celebrate her lasting impact on generations of 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.



Nursing 205 Poster Presentation

Poster presentations are very common at clinical conferences for healthcare professionals. The Nursing 205 students showed off their nursing knowledge as well with poster presentations on February 24 in the MSB lobby. Topics included: nursing process, safety, the hazards of patient immobility, infection control, principles of sterile technique, wound Care, fluid and electrolytes, pulmonary hygiene, pain management and medication administration.



Students Reap Personal Reward from Costa Rica Mission Trip



Group photo cutline: MCCN students show off the donations for children in Costa Rica. Front row L to R: **Courtney Lewis, Lindsey Rohal, Catherine Connolly, Rebecca Salovin, Skylar Meredith, Emily Henry, Brooke Buckely, Kaci Gundin and Erin Clippinger.** Back row: **Sarah Russell RN, Katie Anderson, Meredith Douds RN, Erin Heintz RN, Kaci Gundin, Maggie Williams, Jessica Bondurant, Veronica Beatty, Harmony Wise, Leann Junk and Lauren Darlington.**

Learn More at April 14 Lunch and Learn

Last month, twenty student nurses from MCCN travelled to a village outside San Jose, Costa Rica to volunteer in a health campaign at a public school. **Katherine Anderson, Veronica Beatty, Jessica Bondurant, Brooke Buckley, Catherine Connolly, Lauren Darlington, Meredith Douds, Kaci Gundin, Erin Heintz, LeeAnn Junk, Courtney Lewis, Lindsey Rohal, Harmony Wise, Kali Pace, Sarah Russell, Rebecca Salovin, Maggie Williams, Skylar Meredith, Emily Henry and Erin Clippinger** along with Professor **Hannah O'Handley, MSN, RN, PNP** and **John "Jack" O'Handley, MD**, Medical Director for Mount Carmel Outreach, provided screenings, assessments and health promotion to more than 500 children and faculty at the school. Given that all of the school's students and faculty only spoke Spanish, this was no easy task. MCCN students also presented all the donations from the College, such as gift bags of soap, toothpaste and toys, which were greatly appreciated by the children and their families.

"You just never know what these kids are going through. To be able to put a smile on their faces and make them feel special — even for a second — was worth everything," said **Katie Anderson.**

"Coming to Costa Rica opened my eyes to how small my own personal problems are. At the same time, I realize how big an impact I can make just putting myself out there," added **Erin Clippinger.**

Lauren Darlington felt like the experience really validated her chosen career. "I remember why I got into nursing — it wasn't for the money or purely for self-satisfaction. It was for the caring, listening, helping and treating everyone equal. I also got into nursing to have the ability to care for the underserved yet deserving population. That is exactly what we did here in Costa Rica, and the smiles on their faces were priceless," she said.

You can learn more about these students' experiences in person at the upcoming Lunch and Learn on April 14 at noon in the College Lounge. Feel free to bring your lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to **Kathy Espy** at kespy@mccn.edu or (614) 234-5276.



Kathleen Lennon Retires

After 30 years at MCCN, Assistant Professor **Kathleen Lennon, PhD, RN, CNS**, is retiring. Professor Lennon first came to MCCN in 1984 and worked as part of a team that implemented a program at what was then Mount Carmel School of Nursing. She later became faculty, teaching psych/mental health and was a member of the committee that developed the curriculum when the School transitioned to Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Before she departed, MCCN honored Lennon for her years of service to students on Friday, March 7. Congratulations and best wishes, Professor Lennon!



Adolescent Program “A Girl’s Life” Scheduled for April 30

A Girl’s Life is an exciting one — full of many emotional, physical, and environmental changes. Mount Carmel College of Nursing is offering the successful program, “A Girl’s Life,” designed just for girls and their moms — or favorite grown-up — to explore issues related to puberty and adolescence. Join **Dr. Angie Phillips** at the next event set for Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m. in the Mount Carmel East Siegel Center. Each girl will receive a t-shirt, tote bag and a copy of *The Care and Keeping of You: The Body Book for Girls*, from the American Girl library. The cost is \$25 per girl. To register, please call (614) 234-LIFE (5433).

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 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.

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.



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.

Rho Omicron Update

Rho Omicron Presents Luncheon Program on Healthcare Reform April 7

The Rho Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International is pleased to welcome Janice Lanier, JD, RN to its next meeting to be held Monday, April 7 at noon in CLE 310. Lanier will present "Food, Fire and Friends: How to Survive and Thrive in Healthcare Reform." Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to **Frieda Gill** at fjill@mccn.edu by Monday March 31.

The program has been approved for 1.5 hours of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Attendees are asked to bring gently used items to support the book drive for Twin Valley. Items accepted include books, games, movies, sheets, etc. Items must be language and content appropriate.

Volunteer at the MCCN Table at Komen for the Cure

The Rho Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International 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. 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.

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Elections Held for 2014-2015



Introducing the 2014-2015 Student Government Association Officers! First row: **Sarah Keller, Whitney Eal, Katie Cline.** Second row: **Emily Kirkham, Hannah Lewis, Dane Swartzentruber.**

SGA officer elections were held on Monday, March 10. Officers for the 2014-15 Academic Year are: President — **Whitney Eal**, Vice President — **Katie Cline**, Recording Secretary — **Hannah Lewis**, Treasurer — **Emily Kirkham**, Secretary Public Relations 1 — **Dane Swartzentruber** and Secretary Public Relations 2 — **Sarah Keller**. Congratulations to all the elected officers!

Student/Family Zoo Picnic Sunday, April 27

All students and their families are invited to a special picnic at the Columbus Zoo on Sunday, April 27. For this fun event, a limited number of tickets are available at a special rate of \$5 each, limit of five tickets per student.

The ticket price includes zoo admission from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., parking and a picnic from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the heated pavilions at Water's Edge Boardwalk.

Ticket request forms can be picked up at the MCCN front desk. Return your RSVP and payment to the front desk **by Friday, April 11**. Remember, only a limited number of tickets are available, so get your tickets soon if you're interested.

Questions? Contact **Colleen Cipriani** at ccipriani@mccn.edu or at (614) 234-5828.

Living Water Band in Concert April 7

Students, faculty, staff and alumni of all faith traditions are cordially invited to a concert featuring the Living Water Band in the Lounge **Monday, April 7** at noon. Presented by Campus Ministry, the concert will center on themes of suffering, forgiveness, love and comfort in the last hours of the life of Jesus. Please bring as an offering socks, hats, gloves or blankets for the homeless living on the land/in tent camps.

A light lunch will be served in the Lounge at 11:30 a.m. to noon. Following the concert, all attendees can join the Spring Festival in the College Gym.

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 should have received 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 for event details.