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Dear Alumni & Friends,



There's so much good news to share.

This is our largest "Connections" in CCHS history, and it's chock full of news about the College and our alumni, yet we could easily fill another 10 pages! Check out our facebook page at Carolinas College Alumni Association and "Like" us to receive updates that can't fit into this newsletter.

An exciting update just as we are heading to press: We've hired our first Alumni Coordinator, and you will love her! Ruthie Mihal will be coordinating alumni events and outreach for CCHS, Mercy School of Nursing, CRNA, and CMC Residency Programs. Details about this talented and engaging young woman will be in the next newsletter. She looks forward to meeting you, and we look forward to serving our alumni even more fully!

CCHS and CMH alumni serve the College and our students generously. Many of you have contributed financial gifts to the College. The list on page 27 is incomplete: more will be listed in the next edition. Your gifts have created scholarships for students in need. They've allowed us to purchase a "Nursing Kelly" to help students perfect their skills at taking vital signs, 6 mastectomy models to help Radiation Therapy students hone their positioning techniques, and all new instruments and instrument kits for Surgical Technology students. Your gifts make a difference. Thank You!

Many alumni give of their time. Alumni like Anna Willard (SON '10), whom the College honored with a "Values in Action" for the hours of tutoring and mentoring she's given our students.

Carolinas College is #3 in the nation because of you: the brightest, most accomplished and most generous alumni in the U.S. You aren't #3 – You're The Best!

With warmest regards,

President
Ellen.Sheppard@CarolinasCollege.edu



At right:
Anna Willard caps
Melissa Gardner Pegram.

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Program news



School of Surgical Technology
Becky Cuthbertson

Greetings from the School of Surgical Technology! I hope this finds you healthy and happy. While gathering my information for this publication, I received updates from numerous individuals from the last decade of graduating classes. I am so proud of the achievements of our alumni and the contributions to healthcare that you continue to make locally and elsewhere. Kali and I are privileged to interact with many of you in the clinical setting and are so fortunate to have you mentoring the students. Some of you are new grads still transitioning and becoming comfortable in your roles. Many of you have been working in the profession for some time and are valuable members of the surgical team. Some of you have taken alternate paths and completed additional education to reach another goal. Regardless of your current position, I hope you all continue to find meaning and fulfillment in your profession.

This issue is full of information about your colleagues. Be sure and check out the profile of Brianna O'Neil Mangum in the "Grads on the Go" section. Read about the involvement of several grads in medical missions, all chronicled in the "Alumni Pathways" section. Please send me updates so I can include your news in the next issue.

The program continues to receive inquiries about resources available for preparing for and maintaining certification. We have compiled a list of tools and will be happy to email these to you. You can also find information on these websites: www.ast.org and www.nbstsa.org. Speaking of certification, effective May 2012, all students will sit for certification prior to graduation. This change comes about in order to maintain accreditation standards as the Accreditation Review Committee for Surgical Technology (ARC-ST) will use test result data from all CAAHEP accredited programs as a portion of the program's outcomes. The ARC-ST benchmark is set at a 70% pass rate. Historically, we have exceeded this and will continue to prep our students to exceed this standard.

Thanks again for your assistance in making our grads the best they can be!

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the complexities of our profession, and they have found that each day reveals new and unexpected learning opportunities!

Our new students exhibit a great deal of enthusiasm for the journey that awaits them. Each new class of students brings special gifts to the program and provides the faculty with numerous opportunities for growth and enrichment.

The enjoyment of the summer season, the anticipation of the fall semester, and the preparations for a new year give us reason to pause and reflect on the many blessings we have received this past year. It also compels us to look forward to the challenges and excitement that tomorrow brings to Carolinas College of Health Sciences and the Radiologic Technology Program.

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School of Radiologic Technology
Doug Frankenburg

This time of year is filled with an abundance of excitement! The holiday season is rapidly approaching, the autumn weather is spectacular, and the fall semester is in full swing. Our level two radiologic technology students will soon enter their last semester followed by graduation and the ARRT Board examination, yet it seems as though it was not that long ago they arrived and started their journey.

Our new class of radiologic technology students began their level one year in August 2011 and they are progressing very well! The class has quickly become engaged in



School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Kelly Shirley

The School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences sends you warm greetings. I am honored to be the new director and excited to begin the new era of Carolinas College's Medical Laboratory Science Program. As you know, Betty Anderson retired in spring of 2010 after 43 years as a Medical Technologist and 32 years as program director for the School of Medical Technology. She left big shoes to fill. The faculty and I miss her, but we know she is thoroughly enjoying her well-deserved retirement.

In August 2011 we graduated our second class of Medical Laboratory Scientists. This may sound strange since our program has been around since the 1940's. Let me explain. In October of 2009, our profession changed its name from Medical Technology to Medical Laboratory Science. The term "technology" was appropriate in the 1900's as laboratories began using instrumentation in testing. Today, technology and technologist are more broadly used terms associated with computers and individuals using equipment in areas other than performing medical laboratory testing. The term "scientist" better designates the level and type of work currently associated with today's laboratory testing. Medical Laboratory Scientist defines the required credentialing and scientific focus of our profession. On August 1, 2010, Carolinas College officially changed the name of the program to Medical Laboratory Science. So in August we graduated our second class of Medical Laboratory Scientists.

Also in August, the School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences welcomed a new faculty member. Melissa Jackson is now program's Immunohematology (Blood Bank) instructor. Melissa is a 2009 graduate of our program and works a concurrent position with the Carolinas Medical Center Blood Transfusion Department. We are excited to have her as a part of our team.

Remember to make time for your family and take time for yourself. Keep in touch!

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Program news



School of Nursing
Debbie Blackwell

As a new academic year begins, we reflect on the many achievements of the past year and are filled with much excitement for the new year. Carolinas College of Health Sciences and the school of nursing had a lot to celebrate last year. In the previous alumni newsletter, I shared with you that the college and the school of nursing had accreditation visits from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) in February 2010, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in March 2010, yielding successful accreditation outcomes.

In addition to the successful accreditation visits, the school of nursing has achieved excellent program outcomes in the areas of first-time licensure pass rates, graduation rates, and graduate placement. The first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN licensure exam for the state of North Carolina was 88 percent. Carolinas College of Health Sciences School of Nursing achieved a 98% first-time pass rate and the May class reached 100%.

This is truly a remarkable achievement as it was accomplished while maintaining a high level of student retention in the nursing program. Graduate placement has presented some new challenges with the current economic climate, however, Nancy Watkins, Student Success Coordinator, has worked diligently with our graduating students to assist them with finding their first professional job as a registered nurse. She provides career workshops on interviewing and resume preparation as well as career and educational fairs. The 2010 graduates had a job placement rate of 96 percent with 85% of those placed with Carolinas HealthCare System.

The year has also provided opportunities to celebrate faculty achievements. The first celebration was bittersweet in that it recognized the retirement of Sara Masters, RN, MSN, CNE, who retired in July after 32 years of service to Carolinas HealthCare System.

Sara was integral to the inception of the nursing program in the early 1990's. She was a faculty member and an associate dean for the school of nursing. On September 16, 2010, Carolinas College and the school of nursing recognized Sara with a special celebration honoring her tremendous contributions to CHS and the college.

Another opportunity to celebrate came when two of our nursing faculty, Karen Miller, RN, MSN, CNE, and April Davis, RN, MSN, CNE, achieved certification as nurse educators through the National League for Nursing. Ms. Miller achieved additional recognition when she was honored by the North Carolina Associate Degree Nursing Council as the Educator of Year and by the college as the Carolinas College of Health Sciences Outstanding Educator for 2010.



The school of nursing is also very proud of Mary Griffin, RN, MSN, CNE, who has completed her PhD in nursing at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

I am extremely excited to announce that our Associate Dean, Sherri Marlow, RN, MSN, CNE, and faculty members Dana Mangum, RN, MSN, and Susan Patterson, RN, MSN, CNE, have been accepted into the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program at Gardner-Webb University and began their doctoral studies in August.

This year has been exceptional for the college and the school of nursing. Most recently, Carolinas College of Health Sciences was listed as the #3, two-year college in the nation as ranked by the Washington Monthly.

With all that has happened in this past year, I am hopeful that the coming year will bring even more reason to celebrate the excellence we continue to strive for in nursing and allied health education. Happy 2011!

Debbie Blackwell
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Radiation Therapy
Lee Braswell

New Radiation Therapy Program Director

Lee Braswell, MPH, RT (R) (T) has joined the staff at Carolinas College of Health Sciences and will serve as the new radiation therapy program director. A member of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Mr. Braswell is credentialed in both radiography and radiation therapy.

Mr. Braswell earned his master of public health from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, GA where he has most recently served for nine years as radiation therapy program coordinator. Prior to his employment there, he served as the educational director for the radiation therapy program at Pitt Community College in Greenville, NC, and as a radiation therapist at East Carolina University College of Medicine, Radiation Oncology.

In addition, he is a JRCERT site visitor and has completed training programs in quality management and learning outcomes assessment. Mr. Braswell received a bachelor of applied science degree from Elon University, an associate of applied science degree from Pitt Community College, and a diploma in radiation therapy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition, he received dosimetry training from East Carolina University School of Medicine.

Mr. Braswell's wealth of experience and his excellent teaching, leadership, and educational technology skills are a wonderful addition to our radiation therapy program, our college, and the CHS community.

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New Clinical Instructor

Introducing Leslie Cline Harper



Leslie Cline Harper, BA, RT(R), is a Rad Tech clinical instructor at CMC-Pineville. She is a native Tarheel who grew up in Gastonia and has lived her entire life in NC. Leslie graduated from Meredith College in 1999 with a BA in International Studies. She worked in the state legislature before becoming a flight attendant with US Air. There that she met her husband, Mark, whom she married in 2006. Leslie was furloughed from US Air after 9/11 and decided to become a radiologic technologist shortly thereafter.

Leslie entered our program in August of 2003 and excelled academically, earning membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of two-year colleges. She received the Highest Scholastic Achievement Award when she graduated in May 2005.

Leslie's patient care skills are phenomenal and her ability to meet patients' needs and put them at ease is exemplary. Leslie worked as a tech associate at CMC-Pineville while a full-time student and is now a full-time staff technologist there. She works in all areas of diagnostic radiology, including the ER, OR, and fluoroscopy. Her interactions with students were always positive and professional which made her the perfect replacement when another long-time clinical instructor stepped down.

This year, Leslie earned a Pineville "Treating Our Patients Safely" (TOPS) award. She also received a Key Employee Incentive Plan (KEIP) Award for outstanding performance. In her spare time, Leslie likes to run, cycle, and cook. She and Mark enjoy traveling and spending time with family.

Alumni Association news

The CCHS Alumni Association Needs YOU!

The Alumni Association had a great 2010-2011 year! Events hosted, sponsored, or assisted with included:

- Receptions for Final Semester CCHS Students, Fall and Spring
- Toy Drive for Levine Children's Hospital Toy Chest
- Christmas Stockings for Salvation Army's Christmas Bureau
- Homecoming Planning & Steering Committee
- Greeters for Reunions for Classes of 1951 & 1961
- Nursing Capping Ceremonies, Fall and Spring
- CCHS Scholarship Reception
- 2011 Phoneathon: Assisting callers, serving food, processing paperwork
- Guest speaker at Alumni Meetings
- Mock Interviews for Graduating Students
- "Voices from the Past" – Sharing Alumni Wisdom with CCHS Students
- Tutoring and Review Sessions for Current Students
- Hospital Tours for Visiting Alumni

The College has come to rely on the support of its alumni in so many ways! Alumni also helped interview for the new CCHS alumni coordinator position. They represented CCHS at presidential inaugurations across the nation. They partied and met Sir Purr at their annual holiday party. They reviewed cash handling procedures and enacted new safeguards for their funds. They visited one another (and former director of nursing, Hazel Solomon) at hospitals and skilled care facilities. They supported one another by attending classmates' funerals and weddings. One class visited a classmate at an Alzheimer's care facility, even though they realized she wouldn't know them.

Alumni searched mightily for one another! Approximately 58 previously "lost" alumni were found – many of them thanks to the efforts of Carolyn Rotman who reunited the class of 1963 for the first time.

But most important of all, they rekindled old friendships and reveled in their shared history. If you aren't an active member of the alumni association and would like to be, or if you'd like to assist with college events or become engaged with current students, the alumni association and the College warmly welcome you!

Contact Ellen Sheppard, College President (ellen.sheppard@CarolinasCollege.edu, 704.355.5316), or MK Knollmeyer Brennan, 2011-2012 Alumni Association President (mkb1153@aol.com).

A new initiative coming up in 2011-2012 is minority student forum. If you would like to mentor a minority student, there is a student who could benefit from your "lessons learned" and accumulated wisdom. To volunteer, contact Ellen or MK. The Alumni Association meets on these dates in 2011-2012: November 15, February 28, May 29, all 6:30 – 8 pm at the College. Join us!

A New OnLine Tool For CCHS Alumni

SonisWeb is the name of the college's student and alumni database. With SonisWeb you can:

- View & update your contact information
- Search for classmates (all alumni from your grad year)
- Print an unofficial transcript (if you graduated after 1995)

For instructions on how to use SonisWeb, your password and PIN, go to the college website, www.CarolinasCollege.edu, click on "Alumni and Friends." The first page provides instructions, a link to an Alumni Support Manual, and a number to call if you have any trouble!



Grads on the go!

Surgical Technology



*Brianna
O'Neil Mangum*

Brianna O'Neil Mangum graduated from the Surgical Technology Program in 2004. She entered CCHS after completing a BS in Biology at Chapel Hill. "Brie" always knew she wanted a career in the medical field, but she wasn't sure exactly what field was best suited for her.

While pursuing surgical technology she found orthopedics to be challenging and was drawn to it. Upon graduation she secured a position with CMC and immersed herself in the Total Joint Arthroplasty specialty. "It was very rewarding to be part of giving someone a new hip or knee so they could get back to the activities they enjoy," she says. In 2007, Brie transferred to CMC-Mercy and continued to take part in complex joint procedures and help make preparations for the incoming Hip and Knee Center. Although she greatly enjoyed being a Surgical Technologist, she wanted to be more involved in the diagnostic and post-operative aspects of patient care. In 2008, she entered the Physician Assistant (PA) Program at Wake Forest University.

While at Wake she received extensive training on a variety of medical specialties, but found she was still drawn to orthopedics as well as neurology. She graduated in May 2010 with a Masters degree in Medical Science and became a Certified PA in June. Brie now works at The Pain and Rehab Institute in Mooresville, NC. She treats patient complaints including arthritis, muscle strains, headaches/migraines, fibromyalgia, pregnancy, post-operative rehab, and pinched nerves. "It is exactly the type of job I was looking for," she says, "and best of all, I help people feel better every day and that is a wonderful feeling."

She finds her experience as a surgical technologist invaluable in her current career. It allows her to better explain surgical options to patients as well as understand what a patient has been through when they come in for post-operative rehabilitation. She encourages others interested in pursuing medicine to explore as many fields as they can so that they can discover what they love to do and provide the best possible care to patients.

Medical Laboratory Science



Jason Hatley

Jason Hatley is a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate. He has a BS degree in biology and a degree in Computer Networking Administration.

In 1999, Jason began working at the American Red Cross (ARC) in Charlotte in the production laboratory converting donor whole blood into components for life-saving transfusions in local hospitals. It was there, Jason decided to study to become a Medical Technologist. He wanted to advance his knowledge of laboratory medicine and possibly work in the ARC Reference Laboratory or work in a hospital clinical laboratory. That is when we met Jason.

He graduated from our Medical Technology program in August of 2004 and has been a Grad-on-the-Go ever since. Jason's first position as a medical technologist was in the Carolinas Medical Center chemistry laboratory. He quickly became the department's toxicology expert and was also the first technologist to be cross-trained to help in the hematology lab.

In October of 2009, Jason assumed a leadership role becoming the Lead Medical Technologist for CMC's Steele Creek facility. This was a new facility and Jason was responsible for starting up a new lab environment. As head of the Steele Creek lab, Jason is responsible for staffing, lab quality control and quality assurance, preparing for accreditation inspections and the numerous other tasks associated with management. He has found working at Steele Creek fascinating.

He has enjoyed getting to see the other areas of health care outside of the lab. "It has been interesting to see the responsibilities of the physicians and the nursing staff in the ED and radiology and their interactions with the patients." "At Steele Creek I am able to see how everyone is interconnected and have to work together as a team for the patient".

Jason enjoys golf, playing the guitar and is learning to play the piano. Jason recently married Susan Shaw, a 2000 graduate of CCHS's Medical Technology Program.

School of Nursing



Jonathan Helms

Jonathan Helms, SON 2002, began his nursing career on the cardiac medical-telemetry unit at CMC. He quickly identified a career in nursing as professionally fulfilling and began the pursuit to further his education in nursing. He completed a BSN in 2004 from Winston-Salem State University and is currently enrolled in an MSN program with a concentration in nursing administration and teaching. This has supported his abilities with his current role as the nurse manager of the medical intensive care unit at CMC-Mercy.

Jonathan foresees a great future in nursing as the profession grows and evolves in today's health care environment. He sees nurses as key drivers in impacting a new era of healthcare in preventative care and promoting the growth of palliative care in the community setting. Jonathan is an active member in the NCNA District 5 organization. He encourages others to become active in professional organizations as this is a great way to influence the direction of the nursing profession and to serve as a change agent.

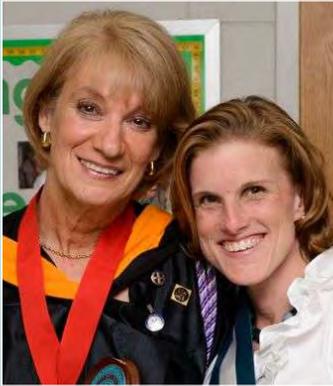
On a personal note, Jonathan and his wife of 10 years have two children, Jackson and Lydia. Jackson is 4 years old and loves t-ball and tractors. Lydia at age 3 enjoys dance classes and princesses. He sends warm regards to his fellow classmates and to all alumni.



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CCHS Grads Rock the CRNA Ceremony

Susan Patterson CCHS Outstanding Educator, 2011



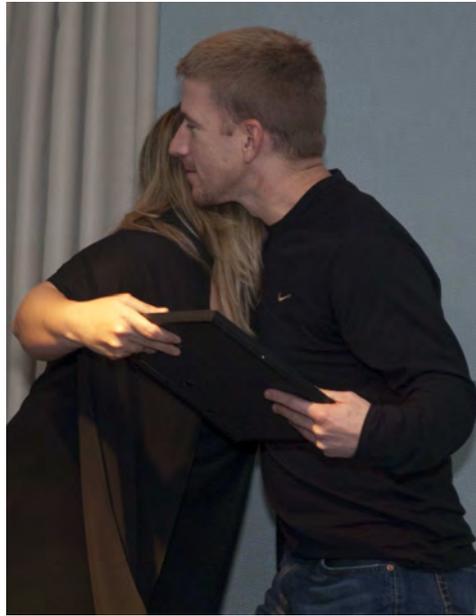
Susan Patterson with CCHS Marshal

What makes a great educator? These things play a part: a passion for teaching, a desire to connect with students and hold them accountable, dignity and character that come from a deeply rooted personal integrity. Susan Patterson exemplifies all that and tops it off with a dose of humility that pushes her to strive always to be even better!

Susan's nursing career began with a diploma in nursing from South Chicago Community Hospital. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Illinois Benedictine College and a Master of Science degree in public health nursing from the University of Illinois. She enjoyed a career in case management with several national organizations before focusing on nursing education, and still maintains professional certification in case management.

A nurse educator for more than 20 years, Susan taught at York Technical College before joining Carolinas College in 2003, Susan is a believer in continual self improvement, and is vigilant for opportunities to further enhance her classroom effectiveness. She earned a certificate in Nursing Education from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing in 2006, and in 2008 she achieved recognition from the National League of Nursing as a Certified Nurse Educator. In August, Susan began working toward a doctorate at Gardner-Webb University.

What makes a great educator? Observe Susan Patterson captivating 60 students in a classroom. Or gently reassuring an advisee that he can be successful. Or offering a wink of encouragement as a student nervously starts a complex procedure. Great teaching may be difficult to define, but watch Susan Patterson. You'll know it when you see it. We honor Susan Patterson, our 2011 Outstanding Educator.



Curtis Petree, CRNA, MSN (SON 1998) receives Special Recognition Award.



James Herman (SON 2003), receives CRNA certificate.

Curtis Petree, CRNA, MSN, and 1998 CCHS SON alumnus, received a Special Recognition Award from the CMC/UNCC Nurse Anesthesia Program at its December graduation. (Petree completed that program in 2003.) Petree was lauded for his outstanding ability to work effectively with both clinically inexperienced students and senior students.

Under his guidance, a student's educational experience is fully optimized. Petree is currently a clinical instructor for the Nurse Anesthesia Program.



Amy Edmiston (SON 1995), receives CRNA certificate.



Sarah Sheets, (EMS 2005) current CRNA student, accepts the Mitzi Bader award.

During the same ceremony two CCHS SON alumni were awarded certificates in Nurse Anesthesia: Amy Edmiston (SON 1995) and James Hermann (SON 2003).

Sara Sheets, 2005 alumnus of the CCHS Emergency Medical Science Program and current CRNA student, won the Mitzi Bader award which recognizes an exemplary 2nd year anesthesia student.

We're so proud of all four CCHS alumni!

Cover Story

CCHS Named No. 3 Among 2-Year Colleges in US!

CCHS was recently named the third best two-year college in the United States by Washington Monthly. The rankings were based on the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), established by the University of Texas at Austin, and graduation rates published by the U.S. Department of Education. Roughly 650 institutions – more than 60 percent of community colleges - were examined, and the magazine recognized the top 50.

“This designation is truly an affirmation of our mission, and of the excellent faculty, staff, and students who make up CCHS.” said Ellen Sheppard, President of CCHS. “I am delighted that two-year colleges are getting the attention and recognition they deserve, and even more thrilled to see CCHS so highly listed!”

Washington Monthly rankings are based on graduation rates as calculated by the U.S. Department of Education, and data from the nationally recognized Community College Survey of Student Engagement. The survey includes information about teaching practices, student workload, faculty interaction and student support. “The fact that we scored highly on academic rigor was not a surprise,” said Sheppard. “At CCHS, we’ve always known that rigorous academic programs, high student commitment, and exceptional graduation rates go hand-in-hand. A low student-to-faculty ratio allows us to focus on each student’s needs. Student success is truly our top priority here,” said Sheppard. “Our student-centered culture has an enormous impact on student satisfaction and graduation rate. Our students know we care about their success; that makes them even more committed to succeed!”

The College celebrated its #3 status with a reception and gave each student and staff member a T-shirt and bumper sticker. Four other NC colleges made the Top 50 list: Mayland Community College in Spruce Pine, Southwestern Community College in Sylva, Halifax Community College in Weldon, and Central Carolina Community College in Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties. CCHS was the only NC college in the top five.

To see the celebratory flash mob video, search for Carolinas College on YouTube (www.YouTube.com). For the complete Washington Monthly listing, go to www.WashingtonMonthly.com, click on the College Guide Tab, then select 2010 Community Colleges.



Above: Dr. Jim McDeavitt, Senior Vice President of Education and Research at Carolinas HealthCare System, presents plaque to CCHS president Dr. Ellen Sheppard.

At right: Students joined in the fun and celebrated CCHS's notoriety with a new T-shirt!

Below: Doug Frankenburg (Director, Rad Tech); Kelly Shirley (Director, Medical Lab Sciences); Dr. Deborah Blackwell (Dean, Nursing) and Cyndie Hobson (Med Lab Science Faculty) prepare to distribute T-shirts reading "It's Good to Be #3" to all CCHS students.



CCHS Awarded \$22,000 State Grant

“If anesthesia technicians were well trained and certified, they could help us be more efficient, and even decrease OR turnover time.”

-- Kris Earle (SON, 1996; CRNA, 2009)

Like many states, North Carolina is anxious to get people back to work after the economic meltdown of the 2008-2010 period. Of equal interest to the state is reining in the escalating cost of health care. When Carolinas College presented a grant proposal that met both criteria, approval was quick. The North Carolina Competitive Workforce Alliance Allied Health Regional Skills Partnership (RSP) was established to increase jobs and awareness of jobs in allied health. Among its funded projects have been career fairs throughout the state and a community college Health Careers Introduction Course.

But Dr. Ellen Sheppard, CCHS president and member of the RSP steering committee had a bolder idea. Concurrently, she’s been serving on a Carolinas HealthCare System taskforce which was also looking for ways to reduce healthcare costs. She’d learned that CRNAs could operate more efficiently if they were able to delegate their lower level tasks to support personnel. “If anesthesia technicians were well trained and certified,” mused Kris Earle (SON, 1996; CRNA, 2009) “they could help us be more efficient, and even decrease OR turnover time. But we need to have confidence in their skills. We need verification of their knowledge.”

A month later CCHS was awarded a grant to develop and offer such a program, to assist students with tuition, and to develop a career ladder that would ensure certified anesthesia technicians were appropriately compensated.

Says Sheppard, “The best part is that three CCHS alumni are making it happen! Kris is a liaison with CMC - gaining CRNA support and helping develop a new career ladder; CJ Duren (SON ’06), who worked as an anesthesia tech while in nursing school, is our program coordinator, and Susan Thomasson (MLS ’76) oversees it all as our director of continuing education.”



To accommodate your work schedule, program is web-based with a monthly Saturday Seminar in Charlotte, NC. Generous financial aid available. Experience as an anesthesia tech required.

Take your career to the next level!



**New
Anesthesia Technician Program**

Information Sessions:

Friday, August 12 at 3:30 pm or
Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 am

Call 704-355-5051 to sign up or
Email: Joy.Godwin@CarolinasCollege.Edu

Location: 1200 Blythe Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28203

Thank You, Wheelchair Donors!

Carolinas College alumni consistently give generously of their time, their talents, their energy, and even their equipment! Recently, the college’s radiation therapy program was in need of wheelchairs in which newly purchased mannequins would sit.

so they couldn’t take up much room, but they needed to be easily retrieved so students could readily practice new radiation positioning techniques.

The mannequins would be stored at the various clinical sites used by the program,

The request for used wheelchairs went out to alumni via email and within a week six wheelchairs had been donated by Eddie Booth, spouse of June Lashmit Booth (SON, ’57) and Nate Huggins (SON, ’96.)



How many ways can CCHS spell P-E-R-F-E-C-T?

Native Alaskans have dozens of words for “Snow” because they know it so well and need words to describe all its nuances. Similarly, Polynesians have dozens of words all meaning “Water.” By that logic, CCHS should have lots of ways to say “Perfect” – it’s becoming well known!

- The 45 nursing graduates from May 2011 all passed the NCLEX exam on their first attempt. That’s a perfect 100%! It is the fourth graduating nursing group to reach a perfect 100% in the last five years. Other 100% classes included December 2007, May 2009, and December 2009.
- The 45 nursing graduates from May 2011 comprised 87% of those who’d begun the program several years prior. 87% is the highest graduation rate in the School of Nursing’s recent history (since its re-opening in 1990). An 87% graduation rate is considered extraordinary, and CCHS is grateful to its outstanding alumni for achieving this remarkable statistic!
- Med Lab Science (MLS) graduates’ pass rate is 100% for the year (January graduates), as is the Surg Techs, year to date, though a few haven’t yet taken their certification exam.
 - The 15 Radiologic Technology graduates in May 2011 all passed on their first attempt, achieving not only a 100% first time pass rate, but also the 25th perfect pass rate in the last 26 years!
- In early August, CCHS conferred diplomas or certificates upon its most recent Radiation Therapy and MLS students and celebrated 100%-level pass rates for those two groups as well!



MLS Graduates August 2011 (L – R): Romona Henderson, Christine Meyers, Katie Schreiber, Brittini Hollingsworth, Kim Whitworth, Sarah Stonger, and Christina Gutierrez



Radiation Therapy August Graduates L - R: (front row): Laura Balogh, Lenora Sayles, Linlee Khiaothonkhoun, Audrey Howard, Jessica Carter, Mason Beckett, and Jonathan Fletcher. Back row: Physics Professors Dennis Dugan, PhD and Jim Gaiser, PhD

What’s This About “Healing Touch?”

Healing Touch, according to the CEO of the national healing touch organization “...enables the practitioner to offer comfort and relief who nothing else seems to help.”

Healing Touch uses steps and techniques that support health and enhance the body’s natural ability to help. Says Susan Thomasson, director of CCHS’s continuing education courses, “We all have within us the ability to speed healing through the use of energetic touch.” A recent research study demonstrated significant and dramatically reduced post-

“We all have within us the ability to speed healing through the use of energetic touch.”

– Susan Thomasson
Director, CCHS Continuing Education

operative pain among a group who used Healing Touch as an intervention. Interested in learning more? Classes are offered at CCHS on weekends. For information, Contact Susan Thomasson at 704-355-3921.



Put Yourself Out There...



Kathy Bruce, RN

As I look back over the past three months of 2011, I am amazed at what is happening in our world. Will the fighting and unrest ever end? Why are so many natural disasters happening? Are we looking at the end times?

I don't know the answers to these questions. What I do believe is that it is up to all of us to help make this a better world in which to live. How can we do this? We can reach out and give of our time to meet the needs of those around us without passing judgment on them. We can give our monies to help those in need around us and around the world. We can go, if God leads in that direction, or we can support others who feel led to go around the world to assist in these trying times.

You may be saying, "why go abroad when there's so much to be done here at home?" I can only answer that from my personal outlook. We are led in different directions by our creator God. He knows our abilities and what we are capable of even though we may not realize them yet. All of us have gifts and abilities that are often not challenged to do the best we can. Why do we often say, "someone else is more qualified"? Why do we not look outside of our little space to see where we can help others?

I challenge each of you, and myself, to reach out and touch the life of someone today. It may be to give a cup of cool water or provide a meal to the homeless. It may be to go to some areas in our own country that need help. You may be led to go to places like Haiti or Japan where help is desperately needed. Will we go with a desire to help others and do our very best at what we are called to do? I know that we in the healthcare community have a burning desire to help others so let's get busy and do our part.

Thank you in advance for all that YOU do to make this a better world in which to live and raise our families.

Kathy Bruce, RN

Partnership Announced Between CCHS and Montreat College



Montreat, a Christian liberal arts college based in the Blue Ridge Mountains, recently opened a BSN completion program at its Charlotte campus. "Our nursing graduates immediately begin their careers as registered nurses," Sheppard said. "But many want to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing while working as a registered nurse. This articulation agreement ensures they start that journey with the maximum possible credit toward the BSN."

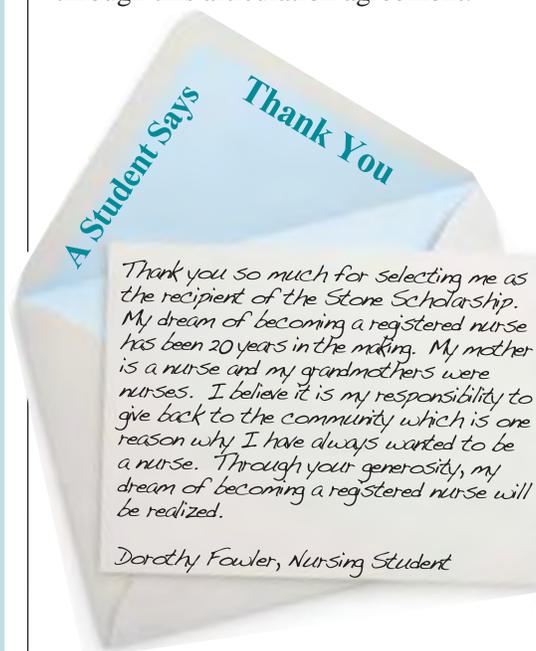
CCHS has signed an articulation agreement with Montreat College. The agreement, co-signed in May by CCHS President Ellen Sheppard and Montreat's Senior Vice President Marshall Flowers, creates a seamless transition for graduates of the CCHS School of Nursing seeking to enter Montreat's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program.

"The caliber of students who graduate from Carolinas College's two-year program is well known," Flowers said. "We are pleased to be able to fully recognize their academic accomplishments through this articulation agreement."

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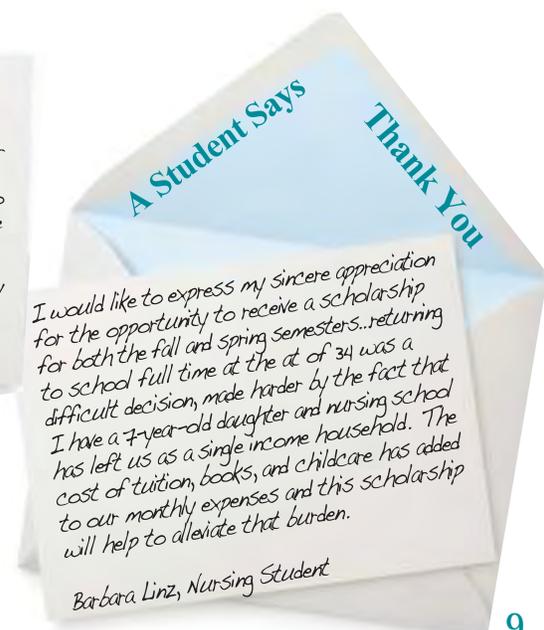
-- Dr. Marshall Flowers
Senior Vice President, Montreat College

Multiple articulation agreements provide maximum flexibility for our graduates wishing to further their education."



Thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient of the Stone Scholarship. My dream of becoming a registered nurse has been 20 years in the making. My mother is a nurse and my grandmothers were nurses. I believe it is my responsibility to give back to the community which is one reason why I have always wanted to be a nurse. Through your generosity, my dream of becoming a registered nurse will be realized.

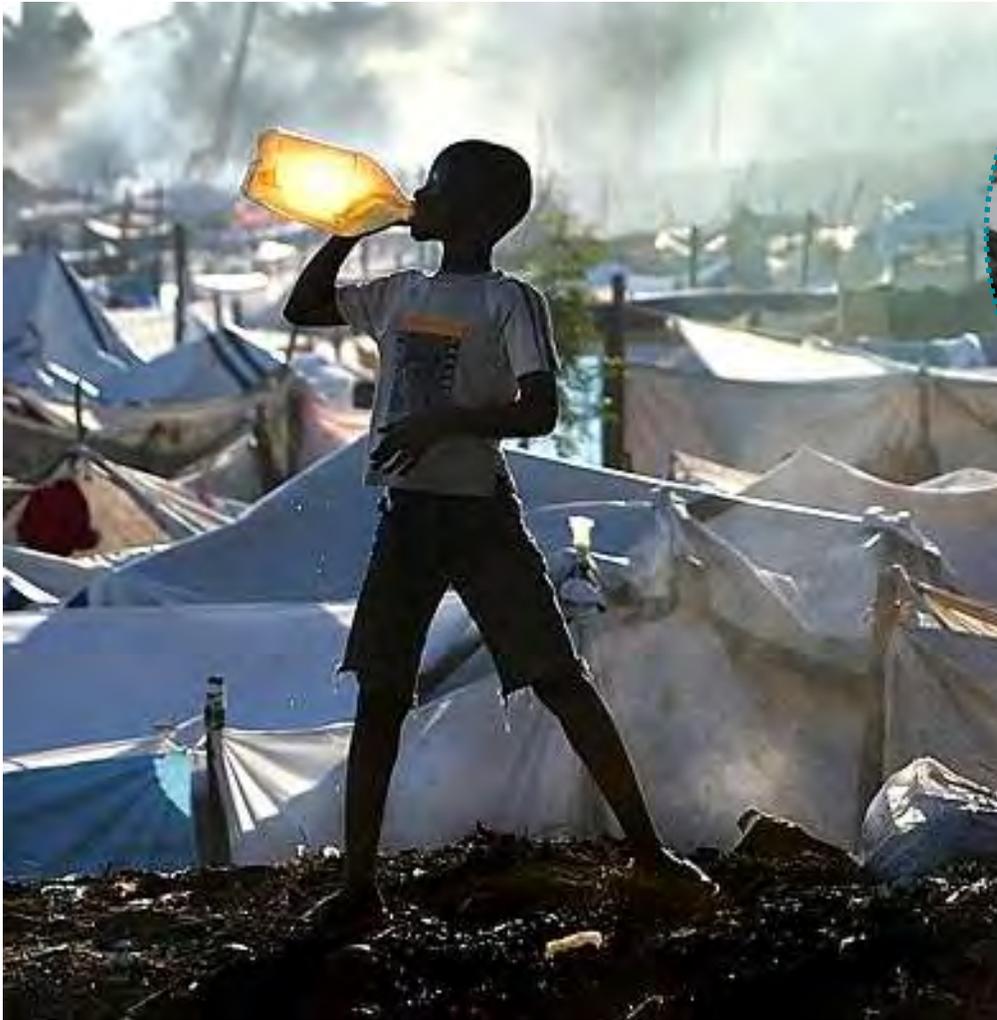
Dorothy Fowler, Nursing Student



I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to receive a scholarship for both the fall and spring semesters...returning to school full time at the age of 34 was a difficult decision, made harder by the fact that I have a 7-year-old daughter and nursing school has left us as a single income household. The cost of tuition, books, and childcare has added to our monthly expenses and this scholarship will help to alleviate that burden.

Barbara Linz, Nursing Student

CCHS Alums Making a Difference In the World!



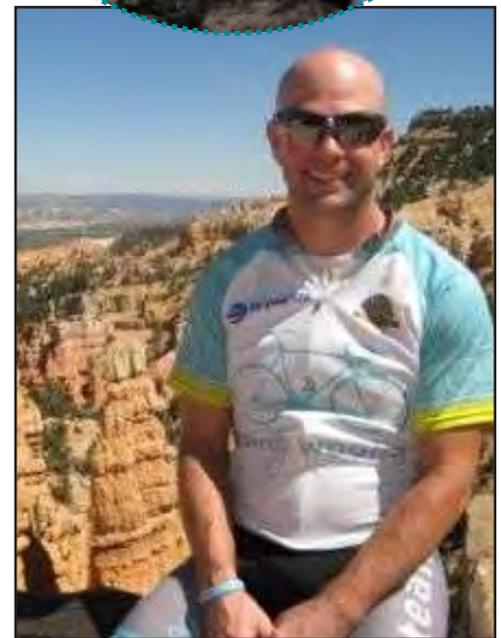
It's no secret... individuals who choose a career in health care are people who care. They care about others. They care about making the world a better place. Here are just a few shining examples. Let us know about your mission trip, your outreach, the difference you're making.

Renee Bridges Fortenberry's (SOST '02) chronicle of service on a medical mission trip begins compellingly: "Imagine an operating room where air conditioning is a luxury, an empty Clorox bottle serves as a sharps container, and electricity can vanish without warning." Her mission work was recognized by the Association of Surgical Technologists, and her article published in its professional journal *The Surgical Technologist* in September 2010.

The article tells of traveling with Midwest Medical Mission to Samana, Dominican Republic, as a surgical technologist and closes with this inspiration: "Medical mission trips are very eye-opening and exciting. Even though the journey to your destination is a personal one, you will return as a changed individual. I can only hope this is the beginning of many more trips to the Dominican Republic!"



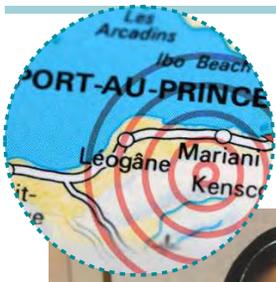
Renee Bridges Fortenberry works with surgical team in Dominican Republic



Karey Digh at Bryce Canyon, on his way from Wrightsville Beach to San Francisco

Karey Digh (Prospective Alum, SON '11) once visited Ethiopia and his heart was touched by the extremes to which he saw people go – just for a drink of clean water. He vowed to do something about it, and now he has. A final semester nursing student, Karey took the summer off to raise funds and awareness for Team Wooha – a group devoted to that cause. Karey rode a bicycle from Wrightsville Beach, NC, to San Francisco. Along the way he encountered 108° heat, washed out bike paths, angry dogs, steep assents (think Denver!), and blown tires. But also he met kind people, saw the rugged beauty of Utah's caverns and canyons, the waving wheat fields of middle America, and the charming quirkiness of the West Coast. Read more about his journey and see pictures at [TeamWooha/WordPress.com](http://TeamWooha.wordpress.com).

CCHS Alums Making a Difference In the World!



For Fathia Blythe Davis, the medical relief trip to Haiti was as personal as it gets

Fathia Blythe Davis (SON, '00) flew into Haiti in a Blackhawk helicopter just four days after the catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake.

She and three CHS colleagues partnered with Double Harvest to create an emergency medical clinic. But for Fathia, the trip was personal - as personal as it gets. In the wake of the January 2010 quake, the country was in chaos. Civilian travel in and out was impossible; the infrastructure - like the buildings - had crumbled. All lines of communication were severed. The world watched in disbelief, but Fathia watched in panic and horror. She'd grown up in Haiti; her family was there.



A team of Carolinas Medical Center surgeons quickly arranged a trip to Haiti - flow in by MedCenter Air - to provide emergency medical care. Fathia jumped at the chance to accompany them. She wanted to be part of the relief effort, and she also wanted to find out if her parents had survived.

Mornings she worked as an operating room nurse in a makeshift OR. Afternoons she wandered the streets searching for signs of her family. Their home had been abandoned.

She went to her uncle's home and found his body, still encased in the debris. But there was no sign of her parents

After a week, she departed with the team, her heart in anguish. There was no choice - no one was allowed to stay on their own. On a second trip a month later Fathia found her mother and father - living in a makeshift camp erected for survivors. She rejoiced for that good fortune, yet continues to grieve for all that her native country, and its residents, lost.



Nancy Day Hill (SON '67) is an ardent supporter of breast cancer research, and does more than her fair share to assist with fundraising efforts each year.

Nancy and her husband Jim are also generous donors to a nursing scholarship, and they were surprised to discover last year that the recipient of the Jim and Nancy Hill Scholarship was, like Nancy, a breast cancer survivor.



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Nancy Day Hill celebrates completing a walk to benefit breast cancer research

CCHS Alums Making a Difference In the World!



Karissa Cail is a medical missionary in Southern Sudan

Karissa Cail (SON '07) is not just taking a mission trip. She is living a mission life.

Karissa began studying the Mabaan language last fall in preparation for her life as a medical missionary. Did she study language by purchasing a Rosetta Stone™ edition? No, she moved to a Southern Sudan village and began spending the majority of each week with a pastor's family and church community.

"Immersion is a great (though sometimes stressful) way to learn a new language and culture . . . it has certainly been an adventure and a great opportunity to see God's faithfulness in new ways!"

Karissa has begun the nursing portion of her new life in Africa, but downplays her own courageous decision, preferring to give credit to others: "God used my time studying at CCHS and working at CMC to help prepare me for serving as a missionary. Living amongst the Mabaan people (who suffered deeply during the 20+ years of civil war in Sudan), learning their language and culture, helping meet their physical needs in a rural clinic, and sharing the love of Jesus with them . . . all this is an incredible privilege made possible only by God's grace."



Nora Correa on a medical mission to Colombia, South America

Nora Correa (SON, '05) accompanied fifty nurses, doctors, educators, and teenagers on a medical mission trip to Colombia, South America, with Bridges

of Hope. In just a week, the team performed 40 surgeries and provided medical care to 2500 patients. Nora reports that the experience was "Very rewarding!"



"I don't think you ever stop giving. I really don't. I think it's an on-going process. And it's not just about being able to write a check. It's being able to touch somebody's life."

-- Oprah Winfrey

Carolinas College 2011 Distinguished Alumnus

Virginia Stuart Cloer (“Ginger” to friends in youth, now “Ginny”) is a dedicated, loving, and compassionate person as demonstrated in her life’s work.

An Army dependent, she traveled the world as a child, landing at Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in the post-World War II era. After her 1951 graduation she married and worked in orthopedics at Charlotte Memorial Hospital until – great with child – her obstetrician insisted she transfer to the less physically demanding role of labor and delivery. Concurrently, she earned a bachelors degree from Queens College in Charlotte (now Queens University).

Under the direction of Wallace Kuralt and the County Department of Public Welfare, she founded the Mecklenburg County Homemakers Health Services in 1960. The Service, a unique blend of social welfare with health care, was modeled on a Scandinavian concept. When tapped to develop the program, Ginny protested she didn’t have social work experience, to which Mr. Kuralt replied, “I need a nurse. We’ll get you the social work component.”

Thus, in addition to raising a growing family, starting a new county division and a new health care concept, Ginny also began work on a masters degree in social work. Her success with the project made her a pioneer in public service and a shaper of national policy. Through the agency, she tapped a reserve of human potential by training indigenous poor to move – and to lead others – out of poverty. She established new methods of isolating problems, stimulating and guiding the poor to rehabilitative community resources. The service was the first in the US to meet social and medical crisis situations in homes and to promote family planning.

Her work blended a deep compassion for those living in poverty with high professional standards. She implemented new methods to help the poor verbalize their hopes and fears while guiding them to self help. She served unselfishly when a crisis arose, even making a temporary place in her home for infants whose mothers were in crisis. She demonstrated to the public and to her own five children that “public welfare” can offer the personal warmth, human understanding, and



Virginia Stuart Cloer

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motivation necessary to stimulate the poor to move toward self-sufficiency. The lesson sank in. One of her twin daughters, Pat, later formed a foundation to assist children facing complex medical procedures. Though Pat was killed in a tragic car accident, the foundation survived – partly through Ginny’s efforts - and now sponsors hospital toy chests across the nation.



In the wake of 1989’s Hurricane Hugo, Mrs. Cloer managed a crisis center at the Hal Marshall Center, assisting those with hurricane-related needs. She credits her success at that venture partly to her husband John (deceased) whose “loving support at home and firm hand at the Center allowed me to focus on the needs of critically affected hurricane victims.” Other professional accolades include: Voted one of Charlotte’s 10 Outstanding Women in 1967; Achieved national accreditation for the Homemakers Health Services – the first public agency to be so recognized; nominated for WBT’s Jefferson Award for public service.



Retired since 1992, Ginny spends time with her 4 children and 14 grandchildren, serves as editor of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Retirees Association, and is the Class of 1951’s liaison to Carolinas College.

Virginia Stuart Cloer is a woman whose life has made a difference and whose work has impacted thousands. Carolinas College is proud and honored to name her its 2011 Distinguished Alumnus.

Homecoming Hoedown, 2010!

Carolinas College honored alumni with a homecoming event for all classes.



Event planners Lynn Jordan, MK Brennan, Ellen Sheppard, Sara Munday, and Cyndie Hobson greet alumni Friday evening.



Rad Tech alumnus Travis Rowell ('05), and family.

A highlight of 2010 was CCHS's third official Homecoming.... and it was the best one yet!



Old friends Libby Greene (SON '60) and June Booth (SON '57)

Planning began over a year in advance, led by co-chairs extraordinaire Lynn Jordan (SON faculty) and Cyndie Hobson (MLS '78 & MLS faculty), Alumni steering committee members included Sara Munday (SON '05), MK Brennan (SON '96) and Kathy Harrell Bruce (SON '64).

The event began with a Friday evening dinner at the College. Candlelight and table linens totally transformed the auditorium, and the catered meal topped any cuisine served in the Rankin Education Center - ever! Participants were grouped by class, allowing plenty of time for catching up with old friends. Saturday the fun moved to Oehler's Barn on the outskirts of Charlotte. Family-friendly fun included hayrides and horseshoes, and the Carolina barbecue reminded all of our beloved yet guilty NC pleasures.

On Sunday participants were treated to tours of Levine Children's Hospital, CMC and tables of memorabilia at the College. The high tech simulation center was a tour favorite.

Special recognition went to Carolyn Caskey Rotman (SON '63) and Martha Cobb Ellinger (SON '63), whose efforts to encourage classmates to attend paid off handsomely. It was the Class of '63s first reunion and Carolyn's tracking efforts were so successful that those who couldn't attend met a few months later.



Judy Perrell rallies the Class of '62 for a Hayride



Peggy Cherry and classmates from '62 study class photos

Homecoming Hoedown, 2010!



The weekend was full of hugs for old friends, like Ginny Cloer (SON '51) and June Booth (SON '57).



Many old friends vowed to get together more often.



Classmates from 1951: Sooky Hoffman, Ginny Cloer, and Cissy Austin.

Homecoming planner Lynn Jordan bids adieu after the final hayride.



We Bid Adieu to Sara Masters....Sort of



Sara Masters

It was with both excitement and sadness that the College bid farewell to Sara Masters, RN, MSN, CNE, nursing faculty member, and former associate dean of the CCHS School of Nursing. Sara retired to “Thistledown on Yellow Mountain” which is both her home and her business. Thistledown is a retreat center dedicated to providing family and guests with glimpses into a slower, richer way of life.

Sara has a long history of contributions to CHS, to the College, and to our community. She began her career as a critical care nurse, quickly becoming an assistant nurse manager and eventually the unit educator. She began working for Education and Staff Development in 1983 as a Clinical Instructor for the Critical Care Division of CMC. Later, as Acting Director she was presented with the challenge of researching and writing the feasibility study to determine if CHS should reopen a nursing school. (The diploma program had closed in 1967 when the community college system appeared poised to meet the state’s nursing workforce need.)

Approvals were granted and Sara joined the faculty at Carolinas College of Health Sciences (then CMHA School of Nursing) in 1992 where she worked for 10 years as a clinical faculty member prior to becoming the Associate Dean of Nursing. Missing the day-to-day interaction and activities involving students, she returned to full-

time teaching in 2007, primarily in behavioral health. Who could ever forget Sara’s Oscar-worthy, gum-chewing, fashion-busting performance during new student orientation? Her talents are limitless!

Sara’s strong belief in supporting the needs of those in our community became a guiding force for students. Through her involvement with the Shelter Health Services Clinic at the Salvation Army Women’s Shelter, the Committee for the Prevention of Under-Age Drinking through the Coalition for a Drug-Free Mecklenburg County, the Emergency Men’s Shelter, Room in the Inn, Family Promise, and Habitat for Humanity, she demonstrated the passion, dedication, and “Can do” attitude towards life that her colleagues and students came to know and love. She also served as advisor to the College’s

national honor society chapter and developed the CCHS Leadership Institute. In 2010 she won the System’s outstanding community volunteer award.

In Sara’s case, “retirement” is just a euphemism for a new type of work! Sara and husband Tom operate Thistledown on Yellow Mountain, a 22-acre retreat site nestled in the Southern Appalachian Highlands. Individuals or groups come to get away from the daily stress of life, to take classes, or gather with friends - free of life’s daily distractions. Additionally, Sara remains a CCHS faculty member, occasionally teaching Healing Touch and other special courses. Not yet gone, and certainly not forgotten, Sara’s impact on the culture and fabric of CCHS will remain as part of the heritage of Carolinas College.

Students Prepare for the New World of Health Care Reform

Ask twenty people what health care reform means, and you’ll get twenty different answers. Among the many possibilities, Dr. Ellen Sheppard, President of Carolinas College of Health Sciences, is most excited about the potential for new career opportunities: “The nursing profession has long provided almost limitless areas for specialization; today there are even more opportunities – both for the experienced nurse and the new graduate. Today’s nursing graduates are informed consumers of scientific and medical research, but increasingly, they’ll need to understand how research is designed, funded, and conducted.” To bring this opportunity to CCHS students, Sheppard asked the College’s School of Nursing, led by Dr. Deborah Blackwell, Dean, and Sherri Marlow, Associate Dean, to partner with CHS Research Services to create new career focus areas. Now, advanced nursing students can participate in clinical research, shadow a research nurse, attend an IRB, and assist in data collection and analysis. Research administrators Don Saha, PhD, and Joan Connell, RN, CCRC, hope this new elective will open nursing students’ eyes to research as a nursing career option.



Joan Connell, RN, CCRN, and student Clay Ijams discuss the nursing research elective.

Similarly, Carolinas College is partnering with Healthy@Home to create a clinical focus that allows three advanced nursing students to learn about the challenges and rewards of home health nursing. Carefully selected students will spend nearly 100 hours partnered with a home care nurse to learn the unique paperwork, procedures, skills and confidence essential to home care nursing. Observed Susan Bass, RN, MSN, coordinator of the Home Care elective course: “This helps students determine whether a home health career is right for them. If it is, we’ll help them continue that experience in their final, precepted semester, then Healthy@Home will match them with an acute care facility to ease their transition into the nursing workforce. Cathy Maya-Matthews, Healthy@Home executive director, agrees: “With Health Care Reform comes the imperative to innovate in order to survive. These clinical electives developed by Carolinas College are a great example of innovation which serves our patients and our students.”

Classes of 1951 and 1961 Recognized



Classes celebrating their 60th anniversary (Class of 1951) and 50th anniversary (Class of 1961) of graduating from Charlotte Memorial Hospital were recognized by CCHS on May 6th and 7th. Classmates gathered for a reception in their honor immediately prior to the May commencement and were escorted to VIP seating just before the processional. During the ceremony each alumnus was recognized, and the Class of '51 applauded the recognition of classmate Virginia Cloer as the college's Distinguished Alumnus. Dinner awaited later, but classmates were far more interested in sharing stories and remembrances of their years at CMH. There were some wild tales told this year; one classmate suggested changing the name of the dinner event to "CMH Confessionals!"

Alumni gathered the next morning for brunch and greetings from CMC Nursing Administration. Next were tours of CMC and Levine Children's Hospital. As always, the highlights were the brass stairwell and the chapel, with original pews and altar from St. Peter's and CMH. Buses then escorted alumni to the College for tours, refreshments, and lots more stories and memorabilia. All left exhausted, but vowing to get together more often and share even more stories!



Class of 1951: Virginia Stuart Cloer, Audrey Greer Bridges, Eunice Spires Hoffman, Janet Hunt Clapp, Lorraine Smith Pelletier, and Rayma Lou Kirby Robbins.



Class of 1961: (1st row, L to R) Anita Harris Taft, Shelby Kiser Moore, Phyllis Walters Mork, Catherine Tucker Ashley, Joyce Noles Waller, Lois Russell. (2nd Row, L to R) Harriett Kitchen Giles, Dianne Alexander Wagstaff, Rebecca Brown Kiser, Eva Shuman Shuler, Brenda Herman Kanipe, Mary Alice Roberts Austin.

Oh, the Places They'll Go & the Things That They'll Do!

Carolinas College Alumni are making headlines and are contributing to their communities and professions. These are a few examples! Send us yours.



Renee Bridges Fortenberry's (SORT, 2002) article was featured in *The Surgical Technologist*, September, 2010. See the related story on page 10.



Josh Stiles (left, SON '07) and his wife, Lee Anne Hellebrand Stiles (Mercy SON, '07), have taken full advantage of their time in our nation's capital as traveling nurses at Georgetown University Hospital. Pictured here, a visit with NC Senator Kay Hagan.



Sherene Banawan (right, MLS '08) was featured in the 2010 Carolinas HealthCare System Annual Report as one of the individuals bringing valued cultural diversity to health care. Sherene is pictured here with her mother and aunt, also CHS employees.



Nate Huggins (SON '96) was recognized in *The Charlotte Observer* and by Matthews Township for the outstanding community service provided by the adult day care he owns and of which he is the executive director: Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care Center. Nate was invited to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Matthews Alive festival, the largest parade in the Southeast, featuring over 20 floats and 100 entries.



Micah Johnson Quam (left, SON 1997) and her CMC workteam met world renown nursing theorist Jean Watson following a seminar. Micah is playing a pivotal role in Carolinas Medical Center's application for magnet status



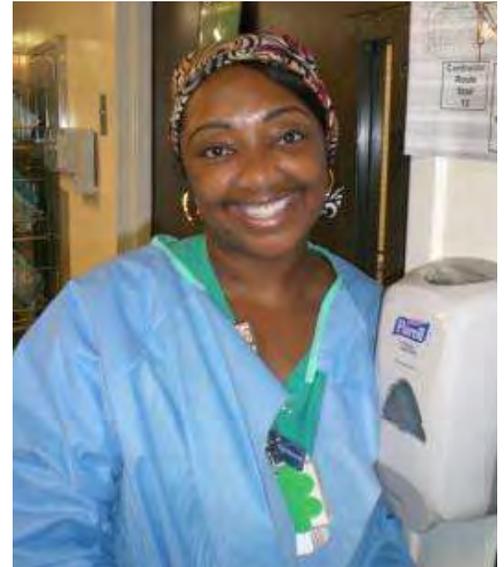
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Kathryn Hogan (SON '09), (left) was recognized as a Critical Care Change Agent by the journal *Advance for Nursing*. In an article titled "Conquering the UTI Challenge" her team at CMC-Northeast was cited for its "nurse-driven, evidence-based quality improvement program... successful in dramatically reducing UTI rates in an ACCU." Their 85% reduction in UTIs led to the initiation of new hospital-wide procedures for patients with urinary catheters.



CJ Duren (SON '06) is serving as program coordinator of the CCHS Anesthesia Technician Certification Program while also working full time as an OR nurse at CMC and progressing toward her MSN.



Holly Ritger (SON, '09) won the Daisy Award – a national award for nursing excellence based on patient recommendations. Holly received four nominations, one which read, "Holly was awesome to me. I felt like I was the only patient on the floor. She talked to me and listened. Being a recovering addict and detoxing, I felt really bad about myself, but she looked at me on the same level, eye to eye. Though I barely knew her, I could tell that what she was doing for a living was actually a 'calling.'" Said a gracious Holly: "I could not have received this award without the excellent education I received at CCHS. The school truly prepared me for life as a nurse."



Jean Wray Small (SON, '64), in her role as vice president of Winston Salem's Senior Services' Adult Day Services, oversees the operations and programming of The Elizabeth and Tab Williams Center – recently selected as the best adult day care center in the U.S. by the National Adult Day Services Association! The Center, which serves an average of 75 participants each weekday, was recognized for its "expertise, experience, creativity, kindness and compassion."

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Adam Pohlig (SON '09) was publicly recognized at a recent monthly meeting of all CMC Department Managers. A touching letter from the family of a Dixon Heart Unit patient was read aloud. Sadly, the patient hadn't survived, but the family was overwhelmed by the extraordinary care they witnessed. Adam was singled out as an exemplar of combining compassionate care with skill & knowledge.



Cecilia Plancon Waggoner, "CC" (SON '60), represented Carolinas College at the inauguration of the new president of Webster University, Elizabeth J. Stroble, in St. Louis, Missouri. CC reported that she enjoyed meeting dignitaries from colleges and universities throughout the world, including the president of Blackburn College, the Dean of Regent's College in London, and a delegate from the University of Pennsylvania.



Nancy Murray (SON '54) was featured in The Charlotte Observer for her contributions to the Charlotte Woodcarvers Association, a group of which she is now president. The group was preparing for its 20th Showcase, an exposition of the talents of local wood artisans.

Celebrating Our Partner in Education: CMC Carolinas Medical Center Named One of America's "Best Hospitals"

U.S. News & World Report's 2011-12 Best Hospitals rankings released in July listed the orthopaedics program at Carolinas Medical Center (CMC) as one of the top 50 in the nation. Based on data used to compile the 2011-12 "Best Hospitals" ranking, three CMC hospitals were rated among the top hospitals in the Charlotte region in U.S. News' updated major metro area rankings, also released today.

James T. McDeavitt, MD, Chief Academic Officer for Carolinas HealthCare System, said, "It is a privilege to be counted among such a select group of peer institutions for our orthopaedic excellence." Orthopaedics is a branch of medicine that deals with injuries or disorders of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints and ligaments.

According to Dr. McDeavitt, the orthopaedics program at CMC is distinguished by its comprehensive approach and breadth of experience. CMC orthopaedic care providers specialize in trauma, joint replacement, and pediatric, spinal and oncological orthopaedic surgery. In addition, its faculty physicians train



medical school graduates and conduct extensive clinical and basic science research. "We are proud to provide the highest level of orthopaedic care to our patients," said Edward N. Hanley, Jr., MD, Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at CMC. "This recognition was made possible by our deep bench of orthopaedic specialists and

care, contribute to scientific research, and train the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons."

According to U.S. News, CMC also received high scores in the specialties of Cancer; Ear, Nose & Throat; Gynecology; Nephrology; Pulmonology; and Urology. CMC-NorthEast received high-performing scores in the specialties of Diabetes & Endocrinology; Gastroenterology; Geriatrics; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Orthopaedics; Pulmonology; and Urology.

In addition, the U.S. News metro area rankings recognized three CMC hospitals among the top five facilities in the Charlotte metro area. The hospitals are CMC in Charlotte (ranked No. 1 overall), CMC-NorthEast in Concord, and CMC-Mercy in Charlotte. Presbyterian Hospital tied for the fourth spot. U.S. News also recognized Levine Children's Hospital as among the top 50 "Best Children's Hospitals" in the nation for pediatric care in nephrology. To receive regular mailings on CMC's growth, register at www.carolinasmedicalcenter.org.

Hey! Where are the Pyramids? Carolinas College Alumni Visit Sicily

In early February, 23 alumni and friends of Carolinas College of Health Sciences had their bags packed and their sights set for 12 days in Egypt, including three days in Cairo and a 4-day Nile River cruise. Then came the revolution. With less than a week remaining prior to departure, the trip was called off due to safety concerns. Half the group cancelled, but the other half - those with PTO approved and no where to go - quickly switched gears and headed to Sicily.

The group landed in Palermo and were quickly enchanted by Sicilian landscape, food, and history. The 12-day tour included ancient Greek temples and theaters (they sat in a theater where Sophocles saw his plays performed for the first time), Roman arenas where gladiators battled wild animals to win their freedom, grand cathedrals and tiny churches (one with a lone Caravaggio on display), and castles that overlooked the azure Mediterranean. Carolinas travelers even walked through the church where Michael Corleone and Apollonia were wed in "The Godfather." CCHS alumnus Cathy Parris recollects: "I love history, so for me, this trip was heavenly. Standing next to an 8th Century BC Greek Temple surrounded by blooming almond trees in the Valley of the Temples at Agrigento? It just doesn't get any better!"



Our travelers in Taormina, Sicily, with Mt. Etna in the background. Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, didn't erupt during their stay, but the travelers witnessed plenty of steam spewing from the crater.

Former CHS benefits administrator Ann Anderson adds, "The food was hands down remarkable! Sicily is the home of gelato and cannoli; the wines and cheeses are world class, and you haven't lived till you've tried freshly roasted Sicilian artichokes!" Concluded CHS president Dr. Ellen Sheppard, "We had to put the pyramids and the sphinx off for a year or two, but our Plan B turned out to be richly rewarding. Sicily far exceeded our expectations!"



CCHS alumni travelers in front of an 8th Century B.C. Greek temple in the Valley of the Temples at Agrigento, Sicily.



Karen Robinson, Tenecia Jackson (SON, 2005) and Cathy Parris (SON, 2005) toast to good friends & great nurses at a Sicilian wine tasting.

Graduation: An End, A Beginning

To see more photos of graduation events, visit www.CarolinasCollege.edu and click on the "Commencement" banner.



Farewell To Emma Gupton

Her dream was to one day have a hospital that was solely dedicated to pediatric care. Emma's dream became a reality with the opening of the Presbyterian Hemby Children's Hospital.

The passing of time brings the most inevitable yet bitter of all transitions...the loss of once dear friends and colleagues. In each issue of Connections our "In Memoriam" section informs or reminds us of those now gone yet never forgotten. Each name listed represents a lifetime of service, a family grieving, and a story worth telling. Occasionally we are able to set aside space to commemorate one of those special stars, now shining brightly from another place.

When Emma Gupton passed away, much of Charlotte grieved, so well known and loved was she. The Charlotte Observer featured not just a page-long obituary, but also a front-page article about how much she had meant to several generations of Charlotte children and their parents.

Emma Allen Gupton, better and lovingly known as "Red," passed away peacefully on June 6, 2011, at Plantation Estates at the age of 84. Emma was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and nurse whose gentle nature and sincere compassion for people endeared her to all who knew her.

Emma was born on March 5, 1927 in Hiddenite, North Carolina. She graduated from Hiddenite High School as a star basketball player, and later from Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1948.

Emma met her future husband Bill during nursing school and they married several months after her graduation. For more than 25 years, Emma was the director of Pediatrics at Presbyterian Hospital. Her cheerful disposition, reassuring presence, and genuine love for children earned her the respect and admiration of physicians, co-workers, parents, and her precious patients.

She built a strong pediatric program that became known for its commitment to providing loving care, not only to the children who were the patients, but to their families as well. Her dream was to one day have a hospital that was solely dedicated to pediatric care. Emma's dream became a reality with the opening of the Presbyterian Hemby Children's Hospital.



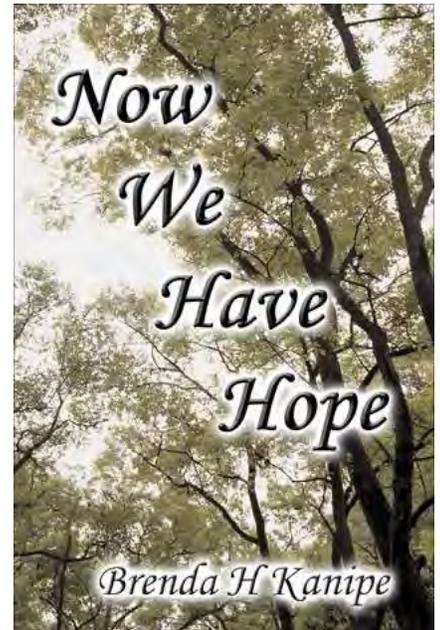
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Emma played an integral part in the founding of the local Hospice organization and Kinder-Mourn, a group that provides grief support for parents who have lost a child. Her outstanding service to the community was recognized on numerous occasions, including the Mecklenburg County Medical Society's special award for the advancement of pediatric health care, the "Mary Louise Reilly Volunteer Service Award" given by the American Cancer Society, the Jefferson Award from WBTV honoring her community service, and the March of Dimes local "Nurse of the Year."

Dr. Bryant Galusha, known as the "Father of Medical Education" at Carolinas Medical Center, said with deep sadness about Emma's loss, "Red. That's what we called her, for that flaming red hair. But her nature was just the opposite - calm, caring, and loving. She soothed many a crying baby and comforted many a worried mother with her quiet nature and gentle touch."

Now We Have Hope

by: Brenda H Kanipe



Brenda Herman Kanipe

Brenda Herman Kanipe (SON '61) has written *Now We Have Hope*, a deeply moving true story, published and available through Publish America. Through blog entries, the 436 page book captures a husband and wife's journey through heartbreak and

hope as they travel from the husband's diagnosis of pulmonary fibrosis to the miracle gift of organ donation and transplant.

Brenda, a witty, warm and wonderful woman, was in town this spring for her class's 50th anniversary, but through this book, you will come to know her - and Lee - as never before.

Order the book from Publish America.

In Memoriam

Sara "Sally" Mitchell Auten, SON, 1945
 Lucy Saunders Bogle, SON, 1947
 Virginia Blalock Morman, SON, 1947
 Ruth Falls, Faculty, 1950's

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Class of 1948

Carrie Hartsell Campbell, SON, had heart valve surgery in early April and came through with flying colors!

Class of 1950

Frances Bass White, SON, retired at the beginning of 2000 after having worked for 50 years. In her vast career, she worked in many different areas of nursing. Said Frances, "I know I received an excellent education at Charlotte Memorial Hospital SON because I could always fit easily into any hospital or other setting - everything from The UNC Hospital ER in Chapel Hill to helping set up an ICU at Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro, working in the ICU Cardiac Step Down Unit at Wake Memorial, being the Supervising Nurse for a 60-bed hospital for 3-11 and 11-7 in Troy, NC, and getting to serve a 2-year term on the NC Board of Nursing in the late 80s (and working in many other settings too). Nursing was a wonderful career for me."

Class of 1951

Four were present at CCHS' Homecoming 2010: **Janice Gibson Wright, Eunice "Sooky" Spires Hoffman, Wilma "Sissy" McCrary Austin, and Virginia "Ginger" Stuart Cloer**. Sooky read Louise "Mossy" Ansley's letter of appreciation for her 2010 distinguished alumnus award. Mossy's TN distance was too far for her own fragile condition and Bob's. Sunday afternoon spent with **Barbara "Babe" Campbell Johnston** in Davidson. First time great-grandmother, **Barbara Lanier Gray** planned to surprise us but had unexpected babysitting duties. **Billie White Mitchell** cannot regain her strength. **Rayma Lou Kirby Robbins** had one cornea replaced, is facing the second, and has rheumatoid arthritis. **Katherine Stewart Townsend** came from Hawaii in June for a graduation in Houston and flew to NC to visit with family, including **Mary Ann Dillard Stewart**, and **Ginger** in Charlotte. **Barbara Baumgardner Aycock** and husband Dan (who is doing well after heart surgery), **Elinor Caddell**, and **Ann Miller** joined all for dinner. Others couldn't attend due to poor health or conflicts. **Kathryn "Lazelle" Vielle** is now in assisted living (memory unit). **Connie Edwards Anderson** and Joe are okay, despite knee problems. **Sooky Hoffman's** fall Honduras mission trip will be her last, as she's not renewing her RN license. **Mary Ruth Hunsucker Fulbright** and Joe have their hands full with children, church, and Hickory Hospital's 100th reunion in Dec. **Audrey Greer Bridges'** granddaughter Erin is the new executive director of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte. And...**Ginger Cloer** has her first great-granddaughter, little red-haired Alyssa, born Oct. 29, 2010. **Margaret Cooper Viso** lost her long and courageous battle with cancer on May 9, 2011. She is dearly missed.

Class of 1954

Nancy Murray, SON, was featured in a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer as president of the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club.

Class of 1958

Linda Patton Nance's, SON, husband, Dr. Charles Nance, passed away unexpectedly in July 2010.

Class of 1962

Peggy Phillips Burdiss, SON, retired from nursing in 2000. She and her husband moved to Conway, SC in 2002 and lost her husband in 2004. She has two daughters - one lives in KS and the other in Conway, and two grandchildren- ages 20 and 18. Peggy works part-time at Kingston Presbyterian Church in Conway as church secretary.

Brenda West, SON, had complications after November surgery but is back up to speed and volunteering for alumni association projects.

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Class of 1963

Linda Avant Faulk, SON, is a retired OR-CNOR-E nurse and living in Clarksville, TN. After CMH, she spent eight years in the Army Nurse Corps with assignments in the US, Germany, and Okinawa

Margaret Louise Beeson Biby, SON, recently retired as the Director of Nursing at Arbor Acres United Methodist Home. She is now living in Winston-Salem, NC. She worked as private duty RN in home health, received certification in medical coding, and worked as a research nurse in cancer registry at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN. She is now enjoying her four grandchildren, traveling, and working in prison ministries in a maximum-security institute.

Carolyn Caskey Rotman, SON, has been busy searching the internet for lost classmates. She wins our Help Find Lost Alumni Award and will soon be getting a token of our appreciation. So far she's been instrumental in locating approximately 15 alumni. We are so excited to welcome these new alumni into the fold but not as excited as Carolyn is at having found them. Says Carolyn, "Searching is very frustrating, but the results are awesome for me...the conversations are lengthy and always include 'Oh My Gosh! I can't believe you've found me!' We should have some reunion." A reunion was held May 18th at CMC's main cafeteria.

Class of 1966

Carol Morris, SON, is retired and living in Boone, NC.

Class of 1991

Kim Hartis Jackson, SORT. Kim's 17-year-old son Jacob passed away after complications from open-heart surgery on December 3, 2010. Said **Lucy Davison, SORT '79** and close friend, "Jacob was born with life-threatening heart defects and had multiple surgeries and procedures during his short lifetime. This never slowed him down or dampened his positive spirit. He waited 17 years to receive a new aortic valve so he could 'ride roller coasters and play sports' like other kids his age. At age 16 Jacob signed up to become an organ donor and Kim and Wade were able to honor his wish by donating his kidneys, liver, and corneas through Lifeshare of the Carolinas. Kim's family recently learned that South Piedmont Community College named their new high-fidelity simulation mannequin, which will be used for EMT training, "Jackson" in Jacob's honor.



Kim Hartis Jackson with the simulation mannequin named in her son Jacob's honor.

Class of 1992

Tracy Harrelson-Jeziarski, MLS, recently returned from deployment to Iraq and is now working as the Medical Information Systems Consultant at the Surgeon General's Office on the Air Staff.

Class of 1995

Anita Bishop, SON, is a Faith Community Nurse for Providence Baptist Church. The position is one of several which represents a collaboration between Carolinas HealthCare System and area faith communities. For Anita, this brings to full circle the desire to serve the community which led her to complete the Parish Nursing program through Duke University several years ago.

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Class of 1996

Janice Cook, SON, is working in labor and delivery at CMC. Says Janice, "I love working with students during their OB rotations and preceptorships!"

Class of 1997

Kellie Aldridge Suggs, SON, has moved back to NC and is a busy mom with a 5-year old son.

Class of 1998

Susan Todd King, SON, and her family have relocated from Germany to Richmond Hill, GA, southwest of Savannah. Of the many 100+ year old oaks in her older neighborhood, Susan says, "These beautiful giants are draped with the charming Spanish moss that everyone associates with Savannah... an almost enchanting place to live." She stays busy raising two active children, ages 4 and 3. Susan welcomes contact from former classmates. (Email Pat Lewis, pat.lewis@Carolinacollege.edu for contact information.)

Class of 1999

Chrissy Pate Gribbins, SON, works in the ED at CMC-Lincoln and is married with two girls, Madison (6) and Sydney (2).

Terri Sanchez, SON, completed her MSN at UNC-Charlotte and is now board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. We loved seeing Terri and her daughter attended the CCHS homecoming.

Class of 2000

Susan Shaw, MLS, married **M. Jason Hatley, MLS** 2004, in June 2011 in St. Lucia.

Kristy Haynes Williams, SON, joined the CCHS nursing faculty as a clinical faculty member for NUR202.

Class of 2001

Tabor Culbreth Hamilton, SON, has recently married and is living in Charleston, SC.

Brooke Passmore Little, SON, welcomed grandson Brantley Rae Passmore, born to daughter Haley, on June 20, 2010.

Kendall Paxton, SON, married Marsden Haigh Jr. in June 2010. She is employed at CMC in the STICU. Prior to moving back to Charlotte two and a half years ago, she spent three plus years working as a travel nurse.



Tabor Culbreth Hamilton

Class of 2002

Renee Dashti, SON, is working at CMC in Case Management.

Amy Payne Farmer, SON, received her MSN from ECU in May 2007. She and husband Josh, recently welcomed daughter Ellan Rynn on 1/24/10, who joins 3-year-old brother Sterett. Amy works as a CNM for a GYN clinic in Wilmington, NC.

Renee Bridges Fortenberry, SOST, works in Surgical Services at CMC. She has been traveling yearly with a medical mission team to the Dominican Republic. She was recently awarded a Foundation Award by the Association of Surgical Technologists and will have an article featured in the AST journal.

Lesia Frazier, SOST, is working in surgical services at Presbyterian Orthopedic and also pursuing a nursing degree at Mercy School of Nursing.

Nonya Hunter, SOST, is working in surgical services at Presbyterian Orthopedic.

Amanda Faulk Peay, SON, is the proud owner of Carolina Care Solutions, LLC (home care agency) serving Charlotte and surrounding counties as of June 2009. She received her BSN from Winston-Salem State University in May 2011.

Class of 2003

Karen Blackwell, SORT, married Matthew Green in 2009.

James Hermann, Jr., SON, completed a master's degree and earned certification as a nurse anesthetist from the UNCC/CMC CRNA program in December 2010.

Robyn Mahoney, SON, received her MBA with a concentration in health administration, from UNC-Charlotte in December 2010 and now works as the Accreditation Coordinator for CMC-Northeast.

Robin Steffenson Miller, MLS, has accepted a new position as Accreditation Coordinator for both CMC-Pineville and Steele Creek.

Class of 2004

Jennifer Owens Carson, MLS, and husband Eric welcomed a baby boy (Jackson Wyatt) on November 30, 2010. Jennifer and Eric also have a 3-year-old daughter (Ella).

M. Jason Hatley, MLS, married **Susan Shaw, MLS** 2000, in June 2011 in St. Lucia.

Brianna O'Neil Mangum, SOST, completed the PA program at Wake Forest and is working in a physical medicine and rehabilitation office.

Crystal Mapes, SON, has moved back to her home state of Oklahoma and is a Workers Comp Medical Case Manager. She is enrolled in the MSN/Educator degree program at Chamberlain College of Nursing with the hope of one day becoming a clinical instructor in nursing.

Lisa Nona, SON, earned her Master's in Nurse Midwifery spring 2011 and is employed at Piedmont OB/GYN.

Claudia Wilson, MLS, is adjunct clinical faculty for Winston-Salem State University School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Class of 2005

Elizabeth (Erin) Bickell, SOST, completed the Physician's Assistant program at Touro College in NY.

Laura Capranica, SON, was accepted to the gerontology program at UNC-Greensboro.

David Roseman, SOST, recently completed nursing school and is working in the Department of Surgical Services at CMC-Mercy.

Lamiaa Tolba, MLS, has been accepted into Physician Assistant School at Wingate University to begin August 2011.

Class of 2006

Kristin Captain, SON, married Michael Scully last fall at Yale University in New Haven, CT. She has worked in ICU since graduation (at Dickson Heart Unit at CMC, and more recently at Stamford Hospital ICU in Stamford, CT) and obtained her CCRN certification in February 2010. She and Michael are living in southwest CT.

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Class of 2006 (cont.)

Sarah Deese, SON, received her BSN from Winston-Salem State's Satellite Program at South Piedmont Community College.

Allison Hanley, SOST, completed the Physician's Assistant program at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT.

Frances Horton, SON, is attending Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing with a projected graduation date of October 2011. She is working at CMC in labor and delivery.

Jason Mauney, SON, married Amanda Eaton on December 11, 2010.

Tiffany McArthur, SON, a second year student in the CMC Nurse Anesthesia program, was awarded the Southeast Anesthesia "Living Scholarship Award." The award is given annually by Southeast Anesthesiology to a student nurse anesthetist who has demonstrated academic excellence, dedication to nursing service, and commitment to patient care at Carolinas Medical Center.

Courtney Reeger, SON, married Matthew Martin in April 2009 and works in the PICU at Levine Children's Hospital.

Class of 2007

Allison Church, SON, married Ryan Cazire, who is in the Navy, on October 9, 2009. She is working in Jacksonville, FL at Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital, an acute care facility with units for spinal cord, orthopedic, stroke, brain injury, and pediatric patients needing PT, OT, and acute care. Says Allison, "I like it because I float around the whole hospital and do not have a specific unit. Learning all the time!"

Connie DeHart, SON, married Tim Lesondak in April 2011.

Jennifer Hellman, SON, is working in the NICU at Shady Grove in Rockville, MD and married Bryan in April 2011.

Ashley Hoffman, MLS, married Sam Vernatter on September 18, 2010.

Kate Knauff, MLS, and husband Dave welcomed a baby boy (Blake Alexander) born November 14, 2010.

Rachael Hack Picone, SOST, graduated in December 2010 from the nursing program at CCHS.

Yvette Holloway Poitras, MLS, and husband Cory welcomed a baby boy (Michael Thomas) born October 7, 2010.

Vaughn Spain, SON, is working as a traveling nurse in Dallas, TX.

Valerie Beekman Wegener, SON, and husband Jimmy have moved to the Charleston, SC area.

Class of 2008

Shannon Armistead, SON, earned her BSN from UNCC with a minor in psychology.

Cindy Dieneman, MLS, married Jeff Hekking on August 21, 2010.

Erin Whittredge-Smith, SON, is pursuing her MSN at Emory University in Georgia and hopes to work with diabetic patients when she graduates.

Class of 2009

Cassie Begay, MLS, is working first shift in the Microbiology department at CMC-Northeast.



Ashanti Ferguson

Ashanti Ferguson, SON, completed her BSN from Winston-Salem State University in May 2011.

Brittany Godwin, SOST, recently took part in a mission trip to Guatemala.

Sarah Goldberg, MLS, has been accepted into Pathologist Assistant School at West Virginia University.

Erin Hunter, SON, received her BSN from Winston-Salem State University in May 2010. She is working in the ED at CMC-Randolph.

Melissa Dunlap Jackson, MLS, accepted an Immunohematology faculty position in the Carolinas College School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences. She works a concurrent position in the CMC Blood Transfusion Service. Melissa has been selected for the 2011-2012 Specialist in Blood Bank Technology program at Florida Blood Services. Melissa secured 1 of only 5 positions in the highly competitive admissions process.

Hannah Lemckert, SORT, was recently elected by her peers as the Employee of the Quarter at CMC-Mercy Radiology.

Jessica "Lauren" Neal, SON, married Jackie Adkins in October 2010 and is working at a rheumatology practice in Charlotte.

Stephanie Sparks, SOST, recently served on a medical mission team to the Dominican Republic with **Renee Bridges Fortehberry, SOST**, Class of 2002.

Josh Stiles, SON, married Mercy School of Nursing graduate, Lee Anne Hellebrand, in October 2010. Both attended the CCHS Homecoming class dinner. Josh completed the CMC Journey Program in Critical Care Nursing.

Amanda Taylor, SORT, married JD Whitaker in December 2009 and is working as a rad/lab tech at CMC's Morrocroft Urgent Care in Charlotte.

Amy Wile, SON, is working in the Progressive Care Unit at Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, WA.

Class of 2010

Jessica Carpenter, SON, married Jamie Lineberger in October, 2010 and is a psychiatric nurse at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, NC.

Melissa Gardner, SON, married Toby Pegram on May 28, 2011.

Brice Mitchell, SORT, passed the CT registry and is working as a CT tech at two CMC facilities in the Charlotte area.

Amanda Waldroup, SORT, is working for Arthritis and Osteoporosis Consultants of the Carolinas (AOCC).

Casey Westbrook, SON, married Jason L. Williams on June 11, 2011.

Megan Wilkins, SORT, graduated from CT school in May and works at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in X-ray and CT.



Melissa Gardner Pegram

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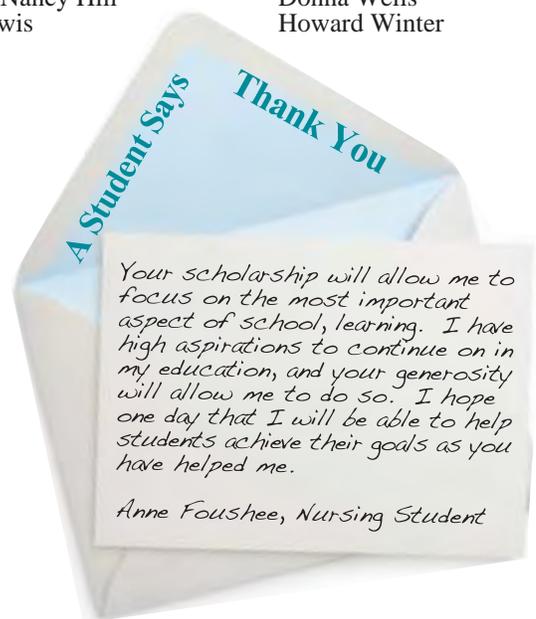
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Many classes reunited this year. Two particularly stand out. The Class of '63 (SON), because it was their first reunion, ever, though they've vowed it won't be the last. And the Class of '58 (SON) because they've met annually for years and have committed to do so always. "We share our life journeys, we laugh, and we provide the caring support that's unique to friends who've stood the test of time."



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Friday, October 14:
Reception honoring graduating students
2:30 @ CCHS
Bring a baked goodie!

Thursday, October 20:
Reception for Scholarship Donors to meet student recipients. By invitation

Tuesday, November 15:
Quarterly Alumni Meeting
6:30 pm @ CCHS
Bring a Stocking Stuffer



ellen.sheppard@CarolinasCollege.edu by December 1 for information on ordering your CCHS nursing cap or to RSVP.

Friday, December 16:
Graduation
3:30 pm @ Pritchard Memorial



Congratulations to Your New Alumni Association Officers (Effective November, 2011)

President: MK Knollmeyer Brennan (SON 1996)
President Elect: Lee Callicutt Abbott (SON 1963)
Secretary: Sara Munday (SON 2005)
Treasurer: Peggy Harrill Cherry (SON 1962)
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Thursday, December 15:
Capping Ceremony
5:30 @ CMC Auditorium
RSVP by December 1

**Note on Capping: Many alumni have said "I wish I'd had a chance to be capped." It's not too late. At the December capping we'll devote a special section of the program to alumni who wish to be part of this rich nursing tradition. Email*

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Thank You

I wish to thank those who so generously made the Harris Endowment Scholarship available to myself and other students...through the support of the Harris Scholarship, I am well on my way to achieving my academic goals and hope that, with my degree, I will be able to make a meaningful difference for others.

Karey Digh, Nursing Student