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**CABARRUS COLLEGE HAS FIRST EVER FALL GRADUATION CEREMONY**

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**Concord, NC, January 8, 2009** - Cabarrus College of Health Sciences held its first ever fall graduation ceremony on Monday, December 22, 2008, in Hamrick Theatre on the campus of CMC-NorthEast. Chancellor Dianne Snyder, D.H.A. welcomed the graduates, challenging them to recognize the power of their accomplishment; commit to learn everyday; and to work hard with passion and courage. Mark S. Nantz, C.P.A., M.H.A., F.A.C.H.E., President of CMC-NorthEast then provided greetings from the medical center. Margaret Patchett, Ph.D., Dean for Academic and Student Services, presented the candidates for graduation. Graduates were presented their degrees by Thomas T. Long III, M.D., Chairman of the Governing Board and Chancellor Snyder.

Fifty one students were awarded degrees. This graduating class had the largest number of male nursing graduates (6) in the history of the college.

Receiving the bachelor of science in nursing degree were Sherri Leigh Thomas Goss (cum laude), China Grove; April Lauren McLaughlin (cum laude), Concord; Jennifer Marie Pittman, Kannapolis; Keisha Newsome Poplin (cum laude), Kannapolis; and Mari DeAnne Kluttz West (cum laude), Concord.

Receiving the associate of science degree from the medical assisting program include: Kelli Renae, Crayton, Locust; Sonya Lynn Miller (cum laude), Kannapolis; and Angela Sanders Price (summa cum laude), Kannapolis.

Christina Upright Garmon, Kannapolis received an associate of science degree in surgical technology.

Students receiving an associate degree in nursing from the Louise Harkey School of Nursing include: Amanda Dawn Smith Barbee, Oakboro; Sherry Elaine Bartlett, Charlotte; Kevin Ray Barton, Concord; Kimberly Carnell Bell, Concord; Misty Dawn Bowman, Concord; Kelly Elizabeth Braswell (cum laude), Winston-Salem; Ashley Elizabeth Cook, Cornelius; Eileen Maria Coradini, Charlotte; Casey Brooke Courtney (cum laude), Concord; William Earl Craft, Kannapolis; Jennifer Ann Bullock Davis, Harrisburg; Tianna Nicole Deadmon, Kannapolis; Meredith Blair Farlow, Concord; Chasity Barrett Hammond, Mooresville; Jonathan Tyler Hauss, Salisbury; Jamie Alyson Hesson (cum laude), Philadelphia, PA; Candace Sheree Holley, China Grove; Kimberly Dawn Reavis Isley, Rockwell; Courtney Dona' Julian (magna cum laude), Kannapolis; Christina Marie Kearns, Albemarle;

Jade McCormick Kiger (cum laude), Dobson; Charles Samuel Maulden, Concord; Casey Machel Mull, Harrisburg; Ebony Nicole Parker, China Grove; Kira Diane Parker, Charlotte; Amanda Beth Parrish (cum laude), Concord; Leslie Suzanne Peeler, Faith; Juan Pablo Perez, Concord; Lisa Michelle Pigg, Kannapolis; Amy Louise Randall (magna cum laude), Huntersville; Sarah Kilby Richardson, Cornelius; Kendra Leigh Sanford Roe, Huntersville; Danielle Nicole Ross, Hickory; Sasha Nicole Rush, Concord; Matthew Scott Sebastian (cum laude), Charlotte; Curissa Love Smith, Concord; Melissa Dawn Roush Straight (cum laude), Concord; Mary Ann Tierney-Fry, Concord; Evelin Yohanna Urresti (cum laude), Cornelius; Kam Marie Spencer Waller (cum laude), Rockwell; Jean Tierney Simpson Watson, Banner Elk; and Kelly Eugene Young, Charlotte.



**Fall 2008 Cabarrus College of Health Sciences graduating class**

### **About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences**

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. Over 430 students are enrolled in five associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, surgical technology and associate in science. Baccalaureate completion programs include health services management, medical imaging and nursing. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Cabarrus College has experienced tremendous growth this decade, with enrollment doubling and applications for admission increasing nearly 200% since 2003. For additional information visit online at [www.cabarruscollege.edu](http://www.cabarruscollege.edu).