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## **Cabarrus College Winter Commencement Held December 14**

Concord, N.C. — [Cabarrus College of Health Sciences](#) graduates entered First Baptist Church for the winter commencement ceremony with a festive holiday spirit on Friday, December 14, 2012. Many of the 62 graduates creatively decorated their graduation caps in recognition of their accomplishment and joyously celebrated throughout the ceremony as family and friends cheered in support.

The Rev. Beth Jackson-Jordan, Director of Pastoral Care at CMC-NorthEast provided the invocation. Dianne Snyder, DHA, Chancellor of Cabarrus College welcomed the graduates and guests and introduced Jean Wright, MD, Vice President of Innovation at Carolinas HealthCare System, who provided an inspirational keynote address. Dr. Wright encouraged graduates to enjoy their graduation, and that the event would be seared into their memory because of the emotional aspects of the accomplishment that they were sharing with their family. She reminded graduates that this is an extraordinary time to have a career in healthcare which offers many opportunities. Dr. Wright emphasized that caring for patients is a privilege and when they enter the lives of patients, they will be remembered for the care they provide. “It is the most unique opportunity to change the world one memory, one patient at a time.” She challenged graduates to “just be there for patients”, that the right words are not always needed.

### **Degrees were conferred on the following graduates from the Allied Health Division:**

- Receiving the Bachelor of Science in Health Services Leadership and Management degree were Heather Denney, summa cum laude, Concord; and Monica Wright, magna cum laude, Charlotte.
- Receiving the Diploma in Medical Assistant was Joye Starnes, Concord.
- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Medical Assistant were Shou Lee, Charlotte; and Stephanie Starnes, Concord.
- Receiving the Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging were Lauren Chesson, magna cum laude, Kernersville; William Crow, summa cum laude, Concord; Heather Joubert, cum laude, Salisbury; John Luguchegi, cum laude, Belmont; Ralph Ruiz, magna cum laude, Richfield, MN; Randi Swaringen, magna cum laude, Charlotte; and Robert White, cum laude, Monroe.

- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant was Katherine Daskalow, magna cum laude, Huntersville.

**Degrees were conferred on the following graduates from the Louise Harkey School of Nursing:**

- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Nursing were Nancy Bouknight-Felder, Charlotte; Kristin Boyd, Charlotte; Joy Brashear, Concord; Stephanie Buell, Cornelius; Alysha Causey, cum laude, Thomasville; Danielle DeMary, Charlotte; Chad Dempsey, Concord; Danielle Eckles, Huntersville; Rebecca Gaches, Mooresville; Sarah Gorman, Charlotte; Megan Greci, Mooresville; Jessica Hall, Charlotte; Jennifer Hedgepath, Cornelius; Stacey Henry, Locust; Holly Jones, Fort Mill, SC; Meghan Killian, Belmont; Amber King, Concord; Crystal Kluttz, China Grove; Parrish Lancaster, cum laude, Concord; Jenna Lee, cum laude, Huntersville; Sasha Lee, Charlotte; Amy Lewis, Charlotte; Kristen Lutz, Stanley; Stephanie McNee, Concord; Angela McQueen, cum laude, Kannapolis; Charity Mills, Kannapolis; Abigail Montgomery, Tarawa Terrace; Jessica Moore, Locust; Brittany Morgan, Salisbury; Joanna Morgan, Salisbury; Melissa Murphy, Mooresville; Janae Parsons, Charlotte; Claudette Saia, Charlotte; Alison Shelton, Winston-Salem; Laura Smith, Rockwell; Jenny Sypolt, Huntersville; Michael Waltz, Charlotte; Lisa Wilson, cum laude, Charlotte; Wendy Wilson, magna cum laude, China Grove; and Maranda Wyatt, Concord.
- Receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing were Lindsay Appleton, cum laude, Charlotte; Alisha Biddy, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Minerva Concepcion, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Rhonda Deaton, cum laude, Concord; Caroline House, Mooresville; Deborah Lewis, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Megan McAlister, magna cum laude, Indian Trail; Lissa Prosper, summa cum laude, Concord; and Sheree Walker, summa cum laude, Concord.

**Three awards were also presented to graduates in association with winter commencement:**

- The Cannon Best All-Around Nursing Student Award was presented to Angela McQueen.
- The George A. Batte Scholastic Achievement Award was presented to Wendy Wilson.
- Claudette Saia received Student Government Presidential recognition for her dedication to Cabarrus College and the student body.



Winter 2012 graduates of Cabarrus College of Health Sciences



Dr. Jean Wright addresses the graduates during the winter commencement ceremony.



Cabarrus College graduates decorated their caps to celebrate.

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

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, an affiliate of Carolinas HealthCare System, is located on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast in Concord, N.C. Five hundred and fourteen students are enrolled in six associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, pharmacy technology, surgical technology and associate in science. Baccalaureate completion programs include health services leadership and management, medical imaging and nursing. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For additional information, visit [www.cabarruscollege.edu](http://www.cabarruscollege.edu).

## **About Carolinas HealthCare System**

**Carolinas HealthCare System** ([www.carolinashealthcare.org](http://www.carolinashealthcare.org)), one of the nation's leading and most innovative healthcare organizations, provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of more than 650 care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, healthcare pavilions, physician practices, destination centers, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and hospice and palliative care. CHS works to improve and enhance the overall health and wellbeing of its communities through high quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.

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