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SIGMA THETA TAU HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

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Concord, NC, May 6, 2010 – The Upsilon Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences inducted eight new members during a ceremony on April 25. Dale Gressle, RN, MSN, Honor Society President, was the keynote speaker.

New undergraduate members are: Lynn Barringer, Concord; Amanda Upchurch, China Grove; and Christopher Upchurch, China Grove. New nurse leaders are: Marietta Abernathy, Kannapolis; Kecia Hall, Salisbury; Janice Norcutt, Kannapolis; Melanie Wallace, Harrisburg; and Christina Westveer, Charlotte.

Membership in the honor society is by invitation and is extended to undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and professional nurses who have demonstrated superior scholastic, leadership and nursing achievements. The Upsilon Mu Chapter was chartered through STTI in 2008, and currently has 63 active members.

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health of people worldwide through leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research. Founded in 1922, the honor society currently has 125,000 active members in more than 90 countries. Members include practicing nurses, instructors, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and others.

The honor society's 433 chapters are located at 512 institutions of higher education throughout the United States, as well as in Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, South Africa, Swaziland, Taiwan and Tanzania.

For additional information about the Upsilon Mu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, contact Dale Gressle, RN, MSN, chapter president at 704-403-3500.



(L to R: Marietta Abernathy, Lynn Barringer, Kecia Hall, Janice Norcutt, Christina Westveer and Melanie Wallace)

About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. Over 507 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 leadership and 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 <u>www.cabarruscollege.edu</u>.