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CABARRUS COLLEGE HOLDS SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Concord, NC, May 24, 2010- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences held its 68th spring commencement ceremony on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at First Baptist Church, Concord. Dr. Dianne Snyder, Chancellor, welcomed and congratulated the 97 graduates. Debra Plousha Moore, Senior Vice President of Corporate Human Resources for Carolinas Healthcare System provided the keynote address. Ms. Moore reflected on the book *The Last Lecture*, which students were asked to read this past year. She encouraged the graduates to dream big, and to have a big vision for themselves. She also asked graduates to enjoy the moment of graduation; to strive to make a big impact on the healthcare profession; to remember childhood dreams, and to use those dreams as motivation to help patients.

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

Receiving the diploma in medical assistant were Jennifer R. Drumgold-Clay, cum laude, Charlotte; Rachel Marie Houston, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Erin Elizabeth Moore, China Grove; Kristie Lynn Rogers Morris, Salisbury; Vanessa Jade Price, summa cum laude, Lansing; Stacey Melissa Talley, Concord; and Julie Souksavanh Vongphachanh, Charlotte.

Receiving the associate degree in medical assistant were Ashley Gail Freeze, magna cum laude, China Grove; Lisa Tatum Miller, summa cum laude, China Grove; Brittany Melissa Runge, cum laude, Rural Hall; and Inga Marie Summers, cum laude, Concord.

Receiving the diploma in surgical technology were Kara Michaels Bolick, cum laude, Salisbury; Kathy M. Grady, Rockwell; Helena Nan'ette Gaddy Heaggans, Statesville; Jordan Lanning Sutton, New London; and Dorina Tatar Teodorovici, cum laude, Concord.

Receiving the associate degree in surgical technology were Emily Dawn Carter, cum laude, Kannapolis; Donielle Teshowel Creamer, cum laude, Mount Holly; Ashley Michelle Earnhardt, Concord; Joshua James Hayes, Huntersville; Jenna Michelle Krimminger, magna cum laude, Concord; Sarah Brown Mullet, Mt. Ulla; Kineata Bianca Parker, Charlotte; Elisha Michelle Martin Seaford, Linwood; Sheram Angelis Serrano, Mount Holly; and Cynthia Marie White, Woodleaf.

Receiving the associate degree in occupational therapy assistant were Laura Jean-Elizabeth Billings, magna cum laude, Kannapolis; Garrett Michael Botirius, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Linda L. Callahan, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Jantzen Mitchell Cranford, cum laude, Mount Pleasant; Courtney Elizabeth Denson, cum laude, Kannapolis; Amanda Patricia Dunaway, Salisbury; Julie Michelle Duncan, Mount Pleasant; Tammi S. Gilbert, cum laude, Troutman;

Elizabeth Marie Haigler, cum laude, Wingate; Laura Marie Hamilton, summa cum laude, Indian Trail; Carrie M. Holloway, summa cum laude, Indian Trail; Whitney A. Howard, magna cum laude, Sherrills Ford; Tiffany Dawn Lefler, cum laude, Concord; Alisha Michelle Love, Concord; Hannah Grace McLaurin, cum laude, Concord; Johnny Jerome Moore, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Reshma Dilipkumar Patel, cum laude, Trinity; Sarah R. Payne, summa cum laude, Valdese; Sarah Rae Uhlenhopp, Charlotte; Cheryl Lynn Uttley, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Teresa Ann Watkins, cum laude, Oakboro; and Ashley Leanna Williams, cum laude, Concord.

Receiving the bachelor of science degree in health services leadership and management were Shawn David Feehan, cum laude, China Grove; Michelle Hurst Gay, magna cum laude, China Grove; and Kristi Lin Pair, cum laude, Kannapolis.

Receiving the bachelor of science degree in medical imaging were Jenna Marie Anderson, magna cum laude, Lake Wylie; Ashley Sarah Kreps, cum laude, Salisbury; Shelby Renee Mitchell, Mount Pleasant; Rhonda Flowers Rayfield, cum laude, Landis; and Cortney Blair Watts, cum laude, Lincolnton.

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

Receiving the associate degree in nursing were Marja Alexa Adair, cum laude, Concord; Lindsay Marie Appleton, cum laude, Charlotte; Julie Lynn Bauchman, cum laude, Concord; Edwin Woodrow Boger, IV, cum laude, Kannapolis; Amanda Elizabeth Caldwell, Charlotte; Tammy Michelle Baucom Cozad, cum laude, Hickory; Krista Lynn Davis, Harrisburg; Laura Beth Davis, Midland; Jillian Renee' Elliott, magna cum laude, Concord; Melissa Kristen Gilbert, cum laude, Concord; Lauren Elizabeth Grubb, Salisbury; Jennifer Leigh Hilton-Adcock, Concord; Caroline Caldwell House, Mooresville; Emily Lauren Jones, cum laude, Concord; Kellie Preslar Koontz, Salisbury; Kasey Rae Lazenby, Salisbury; Heather Hill Leonard, Woodleaf; Carolyn Marie Linaman, Charlotte; Natallia V. Maner, cum laude, China Grove; Olivia Christine Morrison, Kannapolis; Nathaniel Stephen Neptune, cum laude, Charlotte; RaGenia LaShell Edwards Norris, Kannapolis; Heather Nicole Parks, Kannapolis; Anna Nichole Petrillo, cum laude, Charlotte; Laura Marie Johnson Poole, magna cum laude, Mooresville; Christie Ann Reynolds, Concord; Elizabeth Regina Ritchie, Kannapolis; Mary Lee Rudisill, Kings Mountain;; Emily Elizabeth Smith, cum laude, Kannapolis; Kristen Mary Tisano, Mooresville; Elizabeth Leigh Van Dyke, Kannapolis; Adrienne Brooke Ward, magna cum laude, Badin; Tiffany Robertson Wilkins, cum laude, Charlotte; Natalie V. Wilson, magna cum laude, Mount Ulla; and Miranda Louise Yost, Landis.

Receiving the bachelor of science degree in nursing were Lynn Ellen Barrier Barringer, summa cum laude, Concord; Jamie Hahn Cochran, cum laude, Oakboro; Kimberly Damon Hendrick, cum laude, Kannapolis; Patricia Nicole King, cum laude, Concord; Amanda Furr Upchurch, magna cum laude, China Grove; and Christopher Arlie Upchurch, magna cum laude, China Grove.

Several awards were presented to graduates during the ceremony. The Cannon Best All Around Nursing Student Award was presented to Edwin Boger; Julie Bauchman was presented the W. R. Floyd Surgical Nursing Award; The Dr. Linny and Joyce Baker Pediatric Nursing Award was given to Melissa Gilbert; Jillian Elliott was recognized with the George A. Batte Scholastic Achievement Award; The Anita H. Talbott Scholastic Achievement Award was presented to Sarah Payne; Rachel Houston was recognized with the Allied Health Best All Around Student Award; The Elizabeth R. Mabrey Distinguished Baccalaureate Merit Award was presented to Lynn Barringer; Tammy Cozad received the Edith M. Dennis Service Award and the Robert L. Wall Leadership Award.



Spring 2010 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 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 & 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.