



# NEWS

Subject: Cabarrus College of Health Sciences Spring Commencement  
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Concord, N.C. — [Cabarrus College of Health Sciences](#) graduates jubilantly entered the sanctuary at First Baptist Church for the spring commencement ceremony on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Many family and friends of graduates were in attendance for the ceremony, and were welcomed by Dianne Snyder, DHA, Chancellor of Cabarrus College.

Carol Lovin, MSN, MHSA, President of Carolinas HealthCare System Management Company, provided an inspirational keynote address. Lovin reflected on the words of the late Randy Pausch, author of the book “The Last Lecture,” who stated: “Time is all you have. And you may find one day that you have less of it than you think.”

Lovin described her own struggle with cancer and how through it, she began to look at time through a different lens. She challenged the graduates to recognize that it was their day and their time, and in their new role as healthcare professionals, to think about how they will spend that time. She encouraged graduates to be inquisitive, resourceful and flexible; to embrace change; to work with your teammates to create the highest possible clinical outcomes in the most efficient manner; and to above all work to make care personal for their patients.

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

- Receiving the Diploma in Medical Assistant were Julie Harmon, Kannapolis; Debra Heller, magna cum laude, Harrisburg; Tina LaBean, Charlotte; Teresita Maione, Kannapolis; Carrie Moose, Salisbury; and Venicia Tate, Concord.
- Receiving the Associate in Science in Medical Assistant degree were Jennifer Goodman, China Grove; Jane Hart, cum laude, Mooresville; Brandy Mullis, cum laude, China Grove; Danielle Pedersen, Concord; Brittany Russ, Mooresville; and Julie Vongphachanh, cum laude, Charlotte.

- Receiving the Diploma in Surgical Technology were Stephen Blumenstein, summa cum laude, Charlotte; Tammy Fulton, magna cum laude, Landis; and Cynthia Sebastian, Midland.
- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Surgical Technology were Amber Conner, cum laude, Midland; Brittany Freeze, Mooresville; Samara Hairfield, Concord; Heather Hodges, cum laude, Davidson; Lauren Huntz, Huntersville; Brianna Moon, China Grove; Chad Moore, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Candace Moss, Harrisburg; Kayla Patterson, cum laude, Mt. Pleasant; Ashley Pigford, Concord; Andrew Ritchie, Matthews; Katherine Rockett, summa cum laude, Cornelius; Reagen Roland, cum laude, Cornelius; and Jeffrey Taylor, Concord.
- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant were Kala Beasley, cum laude, Salisbury; Paul Bucknum, magna cum laude, Mooresville; Kathleen Courtney, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Lasheena Cowan, magna cum laude, Salisbury; Brandon Fox, Kannapolis; Theresa George, summa cum laude, Charlotte; Keshia Gibson, cum laude, Salisbury; Rhonda Hoce, summa cum laude, Mooresville; Jenna Howard, magna cum laude, Lincolnton; Katherine Kern, magna cum laude, Waxhaw; Joshua Marshall, Concord; Claudia Mauldin, magna cum laude, Salisbury; Suzanne McAlexander, summa cum laude, Huntersville; Suzanne Merritt, magna cum laude, Concord; Kristin Moody, Dillon, S.C.; Maria Nunes, Charlotte; Hassana Oglesby, cum laude, Kannapolis; Marty Ragan, summa cum laude, Mt. Pleasant; Jessica Reinhardt, cum laude, Landis; Emily Skinner, Charlotte; and Mary Stanley, cum laude, Charlotte.
- Receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Leadership and Management was Christine DeLargy, Kannapolis.

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

- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Nursing were Miranda Adams, Gastonia; Heather Allen, Concord; Alexandra Anderson, cum laude, Kannapolis; Jessica Anderson, Indian Trail; Philwyna Banks, Charlotte; Shonna Black, magna cum laude, Waxhaw; Holli Britt, Salisbury; Kate Campbell, magna cum laude, Kannapolis; Amber Carlisle, China Grove; McGee Carroll, Greensboro; Elizabeth Childers, Mooresville; Tyler Clark, Concord; Megan Durham, Rockwell; Amanda Eudy, cum laude, Mt. Pleasant; Ashley Ezzell, cum laude, Mt. Pleasant; April Foster, Charlotte; Stephanie Gentry, Concord; Katheryne Helms, Concord; Brandy Horton, Mt. Pleasant; Gennifer Houchins, Cornelius; Shana King, Kannapolis; Tracey Kinyo, Concord; Brooks Little, Kannapolis; Kimberly Littlejohn, Mint Hill; Christy McCarver, Midland; Kathleen McDermott, Charlotte; Kristin Mitchell, Charlotte; Ming-Wai Ng, Kannapolis; Rachel Outen, Indian Trail; Cheryl Piazza, summa cum laude, Mooresville; Mary Pilon, cum laude, Concord; Mallory Ragan, cum laude, Mt. Pleasant; Ellen Scherner, cum laude, Charlotte; Maegan Smith, Mooresville; Michelle Thomason, Salisbury; Carly Thompson, Charlotte; Jennifer Troutman, Concord; Chelsea Wilson, Salisbury; and Chelsea Young, Concord.

- Receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing were Courtney Almond, Concord; Chelsea Cardona, Concord; Lori Clark, magna cum laude, Monroe; Tracy Eudy, cum laude, Concord; Raul Gross, Concord; Arlene Ready, magna cum laude, Mooresville; and Ashlee Simmons, China Grove.

**Several awards were also presented to graduates in association with spring commencement:**

- The Cannon Best All Around Nursing Student Award was presented to Cheryl Piazza.
- The W.R. Floyd Surgical Nursing Award was given to Kate Campbell.
- Alexandra Anderson received the Dr. Linny & Joyce Baker Pediatric Nursing Award.
- Chad Moore was the recipient of the Robert L. Wall Leadership Award and the Allied Health Best All Around Award.
- Lori Clark received the Elizabeth Mabrey Baccalaureate Award.
- Philwyna Banks was given the Edith M. Dennis Service Award.
- The George A. Batte Scholastic Achievement Award was presented to Cheryl Piazza.
- Marty Ragan was the recipient of the Anita H. Talbot Scholastic Achievement Award.



Carol Lovin, President of CHS Management Company provided the commencement address.



### **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 CarolinasHealthCare System**

Carolinas HealthCare System ([www.carolinashealthcare.org](http://www.carolinashealthcare.org)), one of the leading healthcare organizations in the Southeast, includes more than 30 affiliated hospitals in North and South Carolina. CHS provides a lifetime medical home to patients through a network of some 600 care locations that includes hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, physician practices, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and other facilities. These operations comprise more than 1,700 employed physicians, 6,300 licensed beds and 48,000 employees.

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