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Subject: Cabarrus College of Health Sciences Winter Commencement
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Concord, N.C. — [Cabarrus College of Health Sciences](#) graduates were in a festive holiday mood entering the sanctuary at First Baptist Church for the winter commencement ceremony on Friday, December 16, 2011. Many family and friends of graduates were in attendance for the ceremony, and were welcomed by Dianne Snyder, DHA, Chancellor of Cabarrus College.

David E. Carl, Jr., Executive Director, Pastoral Care and Education for Carolinas Healthcare System provided an inspirational keynote address that elicited both applause and laughter from the audience. Chaplain Carl shared what he considered to be the three primary lessons of the “school of Earth”. The first lesson focuses on being able to remember who we are, and the importance of mind, body, spirit and soul. The second lesson is to learn how to love better, which includes respecting others for who they are, even if they are hard to love. The third lesson is to learn how to better serve others. By serving others he reminded the graduates, you receive much more satisfaction in return.

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

- Receiving the Associate of Science in Medical Assistant degree was Teresita Maione, cum laude, Kannapolis.
- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant was Denise Leonard, magna cum laude, Lexington.
- Receiving the Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging was Amy Kleiber, magna cum laude, Mooresville.

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

- Receiving the Associate of Science degree in Nursing were Bryan Barnes, cum laude, Huntersville; Julie Block, cum laude, Huntersville; Chambria Brawley, Lexington; Farnham Wheeler Caney, Concord; Kristi Carr, cum laude, Lincolnton; Natalie-Rose Catron, Indian Trail; Lori Cooke, cum laude, Mooresville; Daniel Dunphy, Charlotte; Kelly Earnhardt, Albemarle; Litta Furr, summa cum laude, Concord; Samantha Grant, Charlotte; Elijah Gwoki, Charlotte; Laura Harkey, Mt. Pleasant; John Hatley, Jr., Concord; Julia Hopkins, Indian Trail; Andrea Judy, Concord; Jay Kablan, cum laude, Mooresville; Pamela Kee, Concord; Shannon Lambert, Mooresville; Emily Linker, Oakboro; Jennifer Lopez, Charlotte; Kristen Merritt, Salisbury; Allison Mode, cum laude, Charlotte; Heather Moor, Concord; Brittany Moore, Rockwell; Rebecca Moyle, cum laude, Concord; Shelby Norton, Concord; Kelly Odenbrett, magna cum laude, Mooresville; William Pastor, Jr., cum laude, Mooresville; Jessica Pierce, Charlotte; Lillian Salamanca, Kannapolis; Kristen Seifert, Concord; Tannisha Simmons, Charlotte; Stephanie Smith, Concord; Cynthia Soliday, magna cum laude, Harrisburg; Lakiesha Squirewell, Concord; Michelle Stanley, cum laude, Charlotte; Colleen Sweeney, magna cum laude, Charlotte; Tiffany Taylor, Monroe; Christen Teeter, cum laude, Oakboro; Lauren Utz, Harrisburg; Jessica Vanderpool, Charlotte; Lisa Wagner, cum laude, Salisbury; Patience Waldroup, Kannapolis; Amy Walter, cum laude, Charlotte; and Tiffany Whittington, Hickory.
- Receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing was Nancy Scercy, magna cum laude, Charlotte.

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

- The Cannon Best All Around Nursing Student Award was presented to Daniel Dunphy.
- The George A. Batte Scholastic Achievement Award was presented to Litta Furr.



Winter 2011 graduates of Cabarrus College of Health Sciences



David E. Carl, Jr., Executive Director, Pastoral Care and Education for Carolinas Healthcare System speaking at Winter Commencement.

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.

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About CarolinasHealthCare System

Carolinas HealthCare System (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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