

# Student Pulse



Cabarrus College of Health Sciences | January 2014

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**Shirts & Planners  
for New Students**

Lobby  
10am-12pm & 2-4pm

*Classes begin*

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**Trail Mix**  
11:30am | Lobby

*Spring semester  
tuition due*

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*Last day to drop/  
add a class*

13 **SGA Meeting**  
9:30am | room 221

**CPR Certification  
Skills Check-off**  
1-3pm (see page 2)

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**What's Your  
Learning Style?**  
12pm | Lobby

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**No classes,  
College  
closed!**

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**Blood Drive**  
10am-1pm  
Email [Cara.Lursen@cabarruscollege.edu](mailto:Cara.Lursen@cabarruscollege.edu)  
to sign up

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**Sam's Club here**  
10am-2pm | Lobby  
Buy a \$45 Sam's  
Membership and  
get \$15 gift card  
(cash or check only)

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**Smores**  
2pm | Pavilion

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January 2014 activities & deadlines



# What's Happening

## Congratulations to our 2014 Student Ambassadors!

Brittany Broome	Patricia McCabe
Laura Carlton	Jessica Phillips
Emily Elliott	Melissa Ryan
Jeromy Gorman	Megan Stoner
Lisa Gulledge	Savannah Swift
Haley Love	Fiauna Taylor

## Forgivable Education Loan for Service

[http://www.cfnc.org/Gateway?  
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Students who will be enrolled during the 2014-15 school year in one of the eligible programs below are encouraged to check out the information at the link above and consider applying.

### Eligible programs:

Nursing (ADN & BSN)

Pharmacy Tech

Medical Imaging

Occupational Therapy Assistant

**Deadline: April 1, 2014**

## CPR Certification

Students in need of CPR certification/recertification can take the didactic portion of the AHA BLS provider course online (cost is \$22) and then sign-up for the skills check-off on January 13 from 1-3 in the skills lab (cost is \$25).

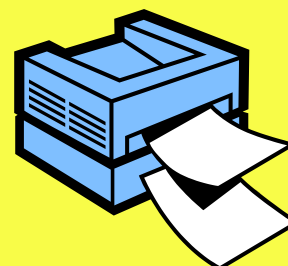
The web address for the online course sign-up is: <http://www.onlineaha.org/>

Students **MUST** bring a copy of the certificate of completion for the online course in order to be admitted to skills check-off.

Questions? Email Lisa Tardo-Green  
([Lisa.Tardo-Green@cabarruscollege.edu](mailto:Lisa.Tardo-Green@cabarruscollege.edu))

## Computer Lab Reminder:

Please delete your print jobs if the printer jams or you need to leave the computer lab before your job prints. If you need help learning how to do this, please ask Beth Carlton.





# Winter Graduation!

48 students graduated from Cabarrus College on Friday, December 13th. The following programs had graduates: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Medical Imaging, Associate of Science in Nursing, Medical Assisting and Occupational Therapy Assistant. Thanks to Wayne Beam for taking these photographs.



Provost Dr. Meg Patchett gives Alisa Walker the Cannon Best All Around Nursing Student award (voted on by ADN faculty).



Provost Dr. Meg Patchett gives Melanie Akins the George A. Batte, Jr. Scholastic Achievement award (given to ADN student with highest GPA).



Graduation Marshals were selected for high scholastic achievement (L-R): Theresa George (*Chief Marshal*, IHS), Hannah Crum (Pharm Tech), Tonya Viars (BSMI), Kristie Wallace (OTA), Denise Naclerio (OTA), Melissa Ryan (ADN)



Instructor Zinat Hassanpour with graduates Bereket Hagos (Medical Imaging) and Jason Agnew (ADN).





Chancellor Dr. Dianne Snyder giving ADN graduate Reyna Rosales her diploma.



Medical Assisting Faculty: Rachel Houston and Vanessa Tackett.



Students line up for a picture after the morning's graduation rehearsal.



# College news & updates



In December, Cabarrus College students, faculty and staff participated in the annual Angel Tree project. This year members of the college provided over 200 Christmas items (toys, clothing, jackets, etc.) for 32 local children.

For the second year in a row, Elizabeth Cauble (December 2013 Medical Assisting graduate) donated a teddy bear for each child on the Angel Tree list.

Thanks to the many members of our community who came together to help out local children during the holiday season.

Lambda Nu (LN) is a national honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences. Its objectives are to:

- Foster academic scholarship at the highest academic levels
- Promote research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences
- Recognize exemplary scholarship

Medical Imaging students can enroll in Cabarrus College's chartered Lambda Nu chapter, the Gamma Chapter, when they have completed one semester and have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Members will be recognized at graduation with special cords to distinguish their success.

The following new members were welcomed in November:

- Tia Barnes
- Tracy Byrd
- Jennifer Elana Coleman
- Lindsey Eggers
- Hannah Lemckert
- Bereket Hagos



L-R: Rhonda Weaver (BSMI instructor), Zinat Hassanpour (Associate in Science Instructor), Lindsey Eggers (BSMI student), and Mary Holder (BSMI Program Chair)

# Chris' Corner

## That ^(%\*#\$^ Spider...

I have been thinking recently that the world's stupidest spider is living in my entryway. Each evening when I return home from work the aforementioned spider has built a web across the steps leading into the house. Each evening I forget about the aforementioned spider and the web and each evening I walk through the web and destroy what must have been several hours of work. Each evening I think to myself as I brush webs off myself, "what's the matter with that dang spider?"

It's a situation that was reaching a breaking point. Much as I had hoped to commune with nature and live happily with the various creatures that have been placed around me (of course the previous statement excludes all of the following: mosquitoes, roaches, mice, actually any vermin and certain varieties of rabbits) I was beginning to consider arming myself, possibly with a shoe, and "handling" the problem.

But, just as I was considering that option an odd thought struck me: Here I am thinking that the spider is stupid and I wondered if the spider thought that maybe I was stupid. After all, the spider might be thinking, "Every day I build my web and that woman goes and ruins it, is she some kind of idiot." In general I don't like people thinking I am stupid and I sure don't like insects thinking I am stupid. (Yes, I know that some people think that spiders are not insects but if you look very closely at a spider I think you will agree with the following theorem: Insects are ugly, spiders are ugly; therefore spiders are insects.)

This juxtaposition changed my thinking. Suddenly I realized that I had options in deciding which door I choose to enter my home. I choose to go through the front door because it requires only one key to get into the house - the back door requires two keys - a security strategy I have yet to figure out. I wondered to myself if the spider knows that I have access to the other entryway and that it is basically out of laziness that I wreck his (or her) home each evening.

Life, I decided, is a matter of perspective. In my perspective, the spider is stupid. In the spider's perspective I am lazy. I wonder if sometimes students experience the same paradoxical thinking? I suppose there are times when the issues seem to be so clear to students that they can't possibly understand why we (staff) don't see it the same way.

Chances are good that the end result here is going to be very bad for the spider. That is because I hold the power in this situation and sometimes powerful people do seemingly bad things. My guess is that on some days students feel the same way.

If you see things differently and need to share another perspective - speak up. I'm here, ready to listen and most importantly - ready to act!

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season and are prepared for the semester ahead.

P.S. For the time being I have given the spider a stay of execution as a friend of mine assures me that with the cold weather the spider will eventually leave me alone. I am not optimistic and am arming myself.


# Suggestion Box updates

The college recently added a Suggestion Box in the main lobby.

Have a suggestion of your own? Stop by the suggestion box the next time you are on campus or send an email to [Beth.Carlton@cabarruscollege.edu](mailto:Beth.Carlton@cabarruscollege.edu)

My suggestion is:	Where it is now:
To provide on site, dedicated counseling for students	All students have access to free, confidential counseling through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Please call 704.355.5021 or 800.384.1097. Their website is <a href="http://www.chs-eap.org">www.chs-eap.org</a>
Have someone to monitor the computer lab. Every time I use it, someone is talking or on their cellphone.	Signs were posted in the computer lab asking students to take their conversations elsewhere.
Have tissue boxes in every room!	Tissue boxes have been ordered and will be placed in the classrooms.

# HIPAA Privacy Corner

DO	DO NOT
<p>✓ Put patient information only in a CHS-issued locked shred bin.</p>  <p>✓ If shred bins need to be emptied, notify your faculty member.</p> <p>✓ Say something if you see someone dispose of patient information in the trash</p> <p>✓ Throw IV bags, prescription bottles, or any medical supplies with patient information away in CHS medical waste bins.</p> <p>✓ Throw labels, ID bracelets, or anything with patient information in locked shred bins.</p>	<p>⊘ Do not leave patient information lying around unattended. Someone could steal it or throw it away in an unsecured manner.</p> <p>⊘ Do not leave clinical binders unattended. Someone could steal it or throw it away in an unsecured manner.</p> <p>⊘ Do not take patient information off of the clinical unit.</p>



# Cabarrus College's First Masters Program!

## Master of Occupational Therapy Program: Beginning August 2014

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is proud to announce the opening of a master's degree in occupational therapy beginning in fall 2014. In December 2013, the College received authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission to offer the program, which will mark the institution's first awarding of a graduate-level degree.

A master's degree is now required to become an occupational therapist, and Cabarrus College's new two-year master's program was designed specifically for occupational therapy assistants who wish to become occupational therapists.

To help occupational therapy assistants with associate degrees gain the baccalaureate-level knowledge, Cabarrus College also created a combined bachelor's in interdisciplinary health studies/master in occupational therapy option.

"We've created two high-quality programs and a streamlined process for those looking to advance in the occupational therapy profession. This is the only program in the state for occupational therapy assistants wanting to become occupational therapists," said Meg Patchett, PhD, provost of Cabarrus College of Health Sciences. "The demand for occupational therapists is increasing rapidly due to expansion of healthcare coverage and the needs of our aging population. We are proud to be at the forefront of the changing healthcare landscape by providing these necessary and important programs."

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase 33 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations.

"Our market analysis indicated a significant shortage of occupational therapists locally and nationally," said Dianne O. Snyder, DHA, RN, chancellor for Cabarrus College of Health Sciences. "We're taking a proactive step to respond to this development head on."

Cabarrus College's program also is in the process of accreditation by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

The College's website contains all information regarding admission into either the Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary Health Studies program or the Master's in Occupational Therapy program. For further questions, contact the College's Admissions office at 704-403-1556.