Nursing Department Happenings…

June 2007:

Clinical Weekends
June 9 & 10
June 23 & 24
Preceptor Brunch
June 20
Last Day of Classes
June 26
Finals
June 27-28

July 2007:

Clinical Weekends
July 7 & 8
July 21 & 22
Summer II Begins
July 2
Independence Day-No Classes
July 4

August 2007:

Moving Day
Hopefully the 1st week of August
Clinical Weekends
August 4 & 5
August 18 & 19
Summer II Classes End
August 13
Convocation/Pinning Ceremony
August 26
Fall Classes Begin
Class start times vary according to your track

WELCOME!
to our new May 2007 Summer Students!

Nursing Office Hours:
Monday—Wednesday—Friday
8:30am—4:30pm
Tuesday—Thursday
8:30am—8:30pm
Moving Day...

2901 Hamilton Blvd. (HBB)
Coming Soon!!!

Parking on site!

All Faculty and Labs under one roof!

Watch your email regarding time of move!

No change in phone numbers or emails!

Bear with us and pardon our mess!
**Student Survival Tips…family & friends**

- Explain your wants and desires to family & friends. Say what you need and expect and negotiate. Do whatever works.
- Friends and family can be your biggest supporters, use that to your advantage.
- You may feel guilty at some point, but think of how much better life can be once you accomplish your goals. This can be as much for them as it is for you.

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**Renewal Packets**

Clinical Renewal packets are available for pick-up. If you have an October (now September) renewal date you have been notified via email to stop by the Nursing Office to pick up your packet.

Please note only people with October renewal dates have been notified. You may not be on the same renewal schedule as others in your classes.

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**June Birthdays!!!**

- 6/1 Jessica Schedler
- 6/5 Stephen Hertzog
- 6/6 Cindyl Fritz
- 6/10 Wanda Cacho
- Lori Rice
- 6/9 Daniela Epureanu
- 6/11 Elizabeth Brown
- Cindyl Ciaramitaro
- Shabnam Kumar
- 6/12 Geangina Day
- Nicole Echorst
- 6/14 Yah Kilikpo
- 6/22 Jennie Marin
- 6/28 Ann Cassar
- Lauren Weiss
- 6/29 Andrea Montalbano

**July Birthdays!!!**

- 7/2 Anne Davies
- 7/5 Jaclyn Rowbotham
- 7/9 Bernadette Ortiz
- 7/11 Amanda Rickardson
- 7/12 Dalia Mamari
- 7/15 Sandra Hill
- Lisa Ondush
- 7/16 Marcia Campbell
- 7/18 Cori Febbo
- 7/21 Mary Hooper
- Dan Kezengwa
- 7/23 Nicole Heffner
- 7/24 Lynn Snyder
- 7/25 Stephanie Battaglino
- 7/26 Xiomara Pierluisse
- 7/28 Sally Janczuk
- Heather Arsenault
- Colleen Ford
- 7/30 Pusilyn Wilson
- 7/31 Sharon Ayoki

**August Birthdays!!!**

- 8/1 Heather Fogel
- 8/3 Pamela Melnick
- 8/4 Lynda Kunsman
- 8/5 Jacqueline Horta
- 8/6 Jill Plude
- Laura Hartz
- Kaitlyn Kramer
- 8/7 Dawn Mattiello-Rivera
- 8/11 Jenna Crist
- 8/13 Sherry Parady
- Angela Balogach
- Christine Timmins
- 8/17 Elizabeth McHugh
- Naylin Loubriel
- 8/20 Stive Thoranka
- 8/21 Kayleigh Zweizig
- 8/23 Tiffany Knabb
- 8/25 Xiomara Pierluisse
- 8/27 Richard Gould
- 8/30 Sandra Bastidas
- Jill Uttard
- Lauren Macri
- 8/31 Ashley Fureman

Please note: If you do not want your birthday published, please email me at Kmkuable@cedarcrest.edu

Clinical Packets are now available for the incoming December 2007 students. Please watch your email and follow the instructions on the attachments included.
Community Service Day

On May 23, 2007 the Nursing Department held its Community Service Day. The Winter Part-time students and anyone who did not participate in January’s service day participated and served at a variety of organizations doing anything from general cleaning to windows, from organizing to cleaning to serving a meal.

Each student is REQUIRED to participate in Community Service Day Annually while in the Nursing Program.

A review from the group who served at the Allentown Rescue Mission:

The mission is a non-denominational shelter for men. We were scheduled to serve dinner to the men at this shelter. The staff and members were very welcoming and grateful for our presence.

Before the dinner, the staff gave us a tour of the facility. They were very excited and proud of the renovations that were taking place. A new "dormitory" room will soon be completed.

The students all worked well together in the kitchen while sharing stories and experiences with cooking, class, and clinical. Prior to serving the meal, some had the duty of cleaning kitchen appliances while others did food prep work such as cutting celery sticks - a lot of celery sticks - two crates worth! These will be stuffed with peanut butter for weekend snacks.

We all took a certain place in line for food serving. The meal consisted of a "Greek lasagna" dish, a lentil and barley side dish, tossed salad, bread, a beverage, and fruit salad for dessert.

That evening we all learned something about food prep, food safety, and cooking. However… the most valuable lessons learned were that of compassion and appreciation. This evening of service was a time to put nurses' caring behaviors into action in the community.

As per the words of Anthony DAngelo: "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community".

It was a fun and rewarding experience for all!

Thanks from EQPP:
Thank you for your evening of hard work & scrubbing! Our house sparkles. Since I’ve worked here I don’t remember being able to see out of the dining room windows. In fact the families have to shut the blinds because they think the neighbors can finally see in!
Your kindness and willingness to work hard is most appreciated. Thank you for thinking of us.
Looking forward to seeing you again soon!
Yours,
Karen Jenei - Volunteer Coordinator EQPP
**Notes from the Registrar’s Office…**

Starting in Fall 2007 you may see a new building code (HBB) listed on your schedule. This code signifies the newest addition to Cedar Crest – the Hamilton Boulevard Building. Located at 2901 Hamilton Boulevard, this new building will host many large lecture rooms, as well as a few nursing labs and a computer lab. Maps of the building will be available at each door in order to avoid confusion.

**Planning on Graduating?** Please take note of the following deadlines:

- **May Graduation** – Apply by February 15th
- **August Graduation** – Apply by May 15th
- **January Graduation** – Apply by September 15th

All students are required to complete an Application for Degree in order to graduate or complete a certificate program. This application is available at the Registrar’s Office.

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Please contact the Registrar’s Office to make the appropriate changes.

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**Student Nurses Association**

**Medical Clipboards** are on sale now in the Nursing Office. Includes a calculator! Cost $20. Stop by and check them out!

**SNA Nursing Department** T-Shirts will be on sale soon.
On May 3, the graduating seniors held a “Senior Brunch” to showcase their scholarly work during their tenure here at CCC. Guest speakers included Rebecca Seaman, Lab Coordinator and former ’02 Grad and Vicki Siegfried from Sacred Heart Visiting Nurses as well, senior nursing students Shannon Hoffman-Huffaker, Zainab Khalfan, Airisol Berrios. Kirsten Gustafson and Jim Breaux shared their nursing exemplars which exemplified the “extraordinary things” nurses do in their everyday practice. The brunch concluded with a picnic at the Park Pavilion with plenty of sunshine, fun and food for all who attended.

Great job and congratulations to the Class of 2007!!
Top 10 Financial Aid Things to Know

1. **Be sure to file your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by May 1st.** It is important to file on-time as May 1st is the deadline to be considered for the Pennsylvania State Grant program. You can still file after May 1st, however you will be considered a late applicant for the PA State Grant program. It is recommended you file your FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Before you file, you must obtain a PIN (visit [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)) to serve as your signature (parents of dependent students must also obtain a PIN).

2. **Your FAFSA may be selected for a process called Verification.** If selected, you are required to submit to the Financial Aid Office the following documentation: Federal Department of Education Verification Worksheet (available on the Financial Aid section of the College’s website [www.cedarcrest.edu](http://www.cedarcrest.edu)), Federal Tax Return Form, and all W-2 Forms for the corresponding tax year.

3. **The FAFSA is an application for federal AND state aid.** The FAFSA serves as an application for federal grant and loan programs, as well as state grant programs (administered by state Higher Education agencies). It is important that students follow-up with any correspondence or requests for additional application information you receive from your state grant agency.

4. **The PA State Grant Program has a maximum eligibility limit.** PA State Grants are administered by Pennsylvania Higher Education (PHEAA). Students are eligible for a maximum of 8 full-time semesters of PA State Grant assistance (or the equivalent 16 part-time semesters). You can create a user account at [www.aessuccess.org](http://www.aessuccess.org) for more information.

5. **Federal Stafford Loans have a maximum annual and overall borrowing limit.** Eligible students may borrow a maximum annual (academic year) Stafford Loan as follows:

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* Or dependent students whose parents are denied for a Federal PLUS Loan.

Independent students may borrow a total of up to $46,000 for all undergraduate study (including a second Bachelor’s Degree). Dependent students may borrow a total of $23,000 for all undergraduate study (additional unsubsidized loans may be available under certain circumstances -- however, total borrowing may not exceed $46,000).
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<th><strong>You will be required to complete Entrance and Exit Counseling for Stafford, Perkins and Federal Nursing Loans.</strong> Entrance Counseling must be completed the first time a student borrows a Stafford, Perkins or Federal Nursing Loan at Cedar Crest. In order for Stafford Loans to remain deferred, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits (summer enrollment is not required). Exit Counseling must be completed if a student graduates or withdraws from Cedar Crest, takes a Leave of Absence, or drops to less than half-time enrollment status after borrowing Stafford Loans. Counseling is completed online at <a href="http://www.aessuccess.org">www.aessuccess.org</a>.</th>
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<td><strong>You will need to sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Stafford Loans.</strong> A Master Promissory Note must be completed the first time you borrow through the Stafford Loan program. The MPN is valid for 10 years (unless you change lenders or do not borrow for longer than one calendar year). Once the school pre-certifies your loan eligibility, you will be notified to sign your MPN electronically at <a href="http://www.aessuccess.org">www.aessuccess.org</a>. You will use your federal PIN to electronically sign the MPN (this is the same PIN you use to file the FAFSA).</td>
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<td><strong>Every financial aid recipient must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress and Good Standing.</strong> In order to remain eligible for financial aid, students must adhere to the Financial Aid “Satisfactory Academic Progress and Good Standing Policy.” The entire policy is available in the College Catalog and on the Financial Aid section of the College’s website <a href="http://www.cedarcrest.edu">www.cedarcrest.edu</a>. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and Good Standing (GS) requires students to complete a minimum number of credits for which they received financial aid with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students should always contact the Financial Aid Office BEFORE they withdraw or if they are failing a class to see how it will affect their financial aid. Students are not eligible to receive financial aid to repeat a course for which they have already received academic credit.</td>
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<td><strong>Beware of private loan programs.</strong> Always exhaust Federal and State financial aid resources before investigating private education loan programs. Make sure you understand all terms (interest rate, loan fees, repayment options, etc.) associated with these consumer loan programs before you sign on the dotted line.</td>
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<td><strong>The Financial Aid Office staff is always available to assist you.</strong> Financial Aid staff are always willing to help you should you have any questions or require any assistance. The Financial Aid Office is located in Blaney Hall, Room 212, and staff can be reached at 610-740-3785 or <a href="mailto:finaid@cedarcrest.edu">finaid@cedarcrest.edu</a>.</td>
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