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# **Cedar Crest College Nursing News**

## ***Nursing Department Happenings...***

### **May 2008:**

#### **Spring Semester Finals**

April 30-May 7

#### **May Pinning Ceremony**

May 9

#### **Clinical Weekends**

May 10 & 11

May 24 & 25

#### **May Commencement**

May 10

#### **Deadline to Apply for August Graduation**

May 15

#### **Summer I Begins**

May 19

#### **Community Service Day**

May 21

#### **Memorial Day-College Closed**

May 26

### **June 2008:**

#### **Photos for August Grads**

June 5

#### **Clinical Weekends**

June 7 & 8

June 21 & 22

#### **Nursing Advisory Council**

June 12

#### **Preceptor Brunch**

June 18

#### **Summer I ends**

June 30



### **Nursing Office Hours:**

*Monday and Friday*

*8:30am—4:30 pm*

*Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday*

*8:30am—9:00 pm*

*Saturday*

*Hours will vary*

# *Notes from the Registrar's Office...*

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

- o *January Graduation – Apply by September 15<sup>th</sup>*
- o *May Graduation – Apply by February 15<sup>th</sup>*
- o *August Graduation – Apply by May 15<sup>th</sup>*

*All students are required to complete an Application for Degree in order to graduate or complete a certificate program. **Students are now able to complete this application online via My Cedar Crest.***

*Once you log on to <http://my.cedarcrest.edu>, please select the 'Student' tab and then 'Registrar's Office'. Click on 'Apply for Graduation' and complete the form. This application is also available at the Registrar's Office.*

## **Information Desk Reminder:**

Located at the Information Desk at the North Entrance to HBB you will find:

- o Lab Sign-in sheets
- o DVD's for skills taping
- o Student mailboxes
- o Project/paper drop-off
- o Paper for the computer lab
- o Parking passes
- o Patches/badges
- o Clinical Prep Sheets

**Please note that during the Summer Session, staffing at the Information Desk is intermittent. If It is not staffed, please see the Nursing Office.**

**Change of Name?**

**Change of Address?**

**Change of Phone Number?**

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

## **Remember to...**

...check your Cedar Crest email daily—the Nursing department sends 95% of it's communication via email.

## Congratulations Team Cedar Crest!

This past Friday evening, March 28, Team Cedar Crest participated in the Inaugural **Southeast Regional Student Nurse Challenge of Pennsylvania** at DeSales University.

Eight teams including: Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing, Alvernia College, Bucks County Community College, DeSales University, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Moravian College and St. Luke's School of Nursing competed for a \$500 prize, a beautiful trophy and bragging rights as the **first** winners of the Student Nurse Challenge.

At 5:30 pm, Team Cedar Crest was the first team called to the platform and was seated against St. Luke's School of Nursing. In a decisive victory, Team Cedar Crest set the tone for the evening. They advanced to the second round where they once again easily beat Moravian College.

By 8:00 pm, the stage had been set for the final championship round with Team Cedar Crest rivaling Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing. The Abington Team proved a bit too tough for our girls taking the 15 question round and winning the Championship. Cedar Crest placed second in the competition of 8 schools.

Our Team was made up of:

***Liz Serratore, Heather Arsenault, Yah Kilikpo, Kayleigh Zweigzig, Jessica Schedler, and "buzzer-queen extraordinaire" Cindyl Fritz.***

Cedar Crest was well represented in the audience by many students, faculty, friends and family. We had the biggest cheering section and the most school spirit - thanks to some last minute posters and makeshift Styrofoam megaphones! Thanks to all our supporters!

When you see the Team Members, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done! They represented you well and scored the highest of any school in the Lehigh Valley!



## **SNAP Trip to Harrisburg**

On April 15th NUR 334 Leadership students went to the state capitol in Harrisburg. It was a great day. All who attended learned the importance of the nursing presence before, during, and after the legislative process. Hopefully it will motivate us to become involved in the political process.



## **Student Survival Tips... on test taking**

- ◆ Determine what the questions is really asking. Look at the stem.
- ◆ Do not guess too soon! Read the question and all the answers before giving the final answer.
- ◆ Be aware of questions containing absolutes such as: never, always or guarantees.

The Annual Sigma Theta Tau induction was held on April 25, 2008 in Alumnae Hall. Forty Six students were inducted into the Theta Rho chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. A reception was held in Harmon Hall of Peace following the ceremony. Congratulations to our most recent inductees!

*Beth Adams  
Heather Arsenault  
Kari Baer  
Krista Bose  
Katherine Bried  
Brenda Carroll  
Sara Centrelli  
Cindy Ciariamitari  
Elizabeth Clark  
Jenna Crist  
Daniela Cuttic  
Shana Dauberman  
Leslie Dutcher  
Jessica Felegy  
Cindyl Fritz  
Warren Furry  
Heather Gallagher  
Sandi Giove  
Shannon Glerum  
Sandra Hill  
Jennifer Hillegass  
Mary Hooper  
Alexandria Ianovale*

*Sally Janczuk  
Lori Jones, RN  
Yah Kilikpo  
Kaitlyn Kramer  
Danielle Lodics  
Lauren Macri  
Caitlin Miller  
Maggie Morrison  
Amber Moyer  
Amy Porter  
Jessica Schedler  
Jennifer Schumaker  
Elizabeth Serratore  
Nancy Setzer  
Amber Shumar  
Lynn Snyder  
Lisa Tedesco  
Christine Timmins  
Angele Valerio, RN  
Tammy Vash  
Pamela Wasilko  
Michelle Zubak  
Kayleigh Zweizig*



## SNA News!

The Student Nurses Association's annual induction was held on April 22, 2008. Please join us in welcoming our incoming officers!

### 2008-2009 Incoming Officers

**President Elizabeth Detweiler**

**Vice-President Michelle Flores**

**Secretary Kristen McKeon**

**Treasurer Marlena Hamm**

**Historian Jillian Troxel**

**President-Elect Kristen Flores**



## Community Service Day a huge success!

Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> approximately 100 students participated at a variety so sites throughout the Lehigh Valley. The students were at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter, Poole Wildlands Conservancy, Turning Point, Association for the Blind, EQPP- Emergency Housing in Quakertown, Wellness Center/ Towne House Apts., Good Shepherd Rehab. Hospital.

The students cleaned windows, basements, stairwells, refrigerators, windows. They assisted with activities at Good Shepherd, walked in a local mall with blind people, raked and mulched areas at Poole Wildlife Center.

A comment from the group who served at EQPP:

The soap suds were flying when our team of 5 senior and 4 junior nursing students met at Bucks County Emergency Housing for Community Service Day. The group including DeeAnn Cobb, Lisa Tedesco, Tammy Vash, Nicole Malecki, Amanda Richardson, Kara Frable, Diana Shannon, Kristie Seem and Amanda Schwenk, accompanied by Dr. Robb, were assigned to general cleaning duties at the shelter. The group mustered up their muscle power while hauling old mattresses and Christmas decorations to the dumpster. The inside duties focused on the kitchen and living area. The group scrubbed mini-blinds, cabinets and made the kitchen sparkle! Residents of the shelter were extremely appreciative! As a service oriented profession, nurses are called to help others. The group shared stories of summer studies and advice for success, while providing a valuable service to the community. Overall , the community service experience was enjoyed by all.



# *Congratulations to our most recent Graduates!*

## *Nursing Graduates May 2008*

*Sarah Ahn  
Sharon Ayoki  
Raquel Carvalho, RN  
Nichole Curcie  
Gina Bender  
Stephen Borda  
Katherine Bried  
Meghan Campbell  
Sara Centrelli  
Wendy Christman  
Jenna Crist  
Heather Fogel  
Colleen Ford  
Cindyl Fritz  
Ashely Fureman  
Amber Gadomski  
Meghan Garcia  
Stephanie Hissim*

*Alexandria Ianovale  
Lori Jones, RN  
Kaitlyn Kramer  
Brenda Lamberty  
Lauren Macri  
Caitlin Miller  
Maggie Morrison  
Amber Moyer  
Bernadette Ortiz  
Michelle Paulemont  
Cheyenne Reiman  
Tracee Rowley  
Jessica Schedler  
Jennifer Schumaker  
Amber Shumar  
Hilary Smith  
Janice Smith  
Kayleigh Zweizig*



*May Pinning Ceremony*



## Yah Kilikpo wins Friends of Nursing Award!

We are pleased to announce that Yah Kilikpo was the recipient of the annual Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network's John M. Eisenberg, MD Friends of Nursing Award for Excellence as a Student Nurse. Yah was selected from among competing student nurses at 5 local nursing programs. Yah was presented with her award at the Friends of Nursing Celebration on Thursday evening, May 8 at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Fogelsville.

Yah has exemplified the meaning of integrity and passion. Her life story is a testament to her character. Yah was born in Liberia, Africa. At age 11, she and her family fled to the Ivory Coast during the Civil War. Dodging bullets, she witnessed destruction and death on a daily basis for 10 years. She tells me that it was during this time, that she realized, without a doubt, that she wanted to be a nurse. She felt destined to care for those who needed help and resources. In 2001, Yah came to the United States and pursued her dream.

Yah has been a leader in her nursing class. Recently, she volunteered to assist junior level students on the clinical area. It was noted that she "coached" these students, rather than "told" them what to do. Acting above and beyond what was expected of her, she willingly assisted the students with routine patient care. Nursing faculty and preceptors frequently document statements attesting to her excellent nursing knowledge, self-direction, excellent communication skills, and exceptional professionalism. Demonstrating these behaviors, along with this level of leadership and her strong desire for patient advocacy, she no doubt exemplifies Force 1: Quality of Clinical Leadership.

Yah shows eagerness and capacity to learn and demonstrates a consistent integration of theoretical principles into practice. As her community health instructor, I have seen firsthand that she values community involvement. She understands the nurses' role in community collaboration and how this impacts individual health and the need for healthy communities which is related to Force 10: Community & the Healthcare Organization.

Yah also exemplifies Force 12: Image of Health Care Professionals. She consistently portrays a professional demeanor. She is highly respected by her peers and continuously displays a positive attitude. She is kind and supportive to her fellow students and is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs any assistance. All of her clinical instructors have noted her sensitivity to the cultural needs of her patients.

Yah Kilikpo is a young woman of character and integrity and will be a shining star in the nursing profession. She is sensitive, compassionate and truly dedicated to the profession. Congratulations!

