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NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Welcome Back!

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Welcome back from spring break one and all! Student Affairs is abuzz with preparations for all the "end of the year" activities. Elections and scholarship applications are over for all current College of Nursing students. (There will be an extended application period for our newly admitted RNs and Accelerated students. This date will be announced to those groups when ready.) However, it is now time to think about end of the year awards for those students finishing their programs. Please read this newsletter carefully for dates of events and requests for assistance. This is a glorious time of the year...full of wonder and celebration. We have much to be grateful for! Enjoy!

BASIC BSN PRE-NURSING STUDENTS

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For those pre-nursing basic BSN students who completed their Progression to Major form:

- You will be notified by mail at the end of June whether or not you were able to obtain a seat in the nursing major beginning Fall 2008. All files will be audited after spring grades are posted in PeopleSoft. This is a long tedious process for us. Please be patient with us and do NOT call the Office of Student Affairs inquiring about your status during May or June! Answering the phones just slows the process down.
- If you are awarded a seat you will be required to attend orientation in late July (tentatively set for the last Friday of the month); **NO ONE** can register for their sophomore nursing classes until they have attended the orientation.
- **You should schedule for any other classes you will need for next fall as soon as your registration period begins (Go into Zipline/Academics to verify your appointment date).** Try to block out all the times that sophomore nursing classes (8200:211 and 8200:215) are held. 8200:211 has 3 components LEC, PRA and LRC (PRA is the Clinical. All sections of clinical will be held on Tuesdays from 7am-1:30pm. You will not know the location until some time after the first week of Fall classes); 8200:215 is lecture only. Look in the Fall 2008 Schedule of Classes on-line, print those listings or make yourself a grid to block out all of those times. Schedule your other courses around all of those times to help yourself avoid the need to rearrange a lot of classes if you are awarded a seat in the major.

MESSAGES FROM THE RECORDS SPECIALIST

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Summer Nursing Courses IMPORTANT

IF you are completing co-requisites for your current nursing level over the summer, you may still enroll in your fall classes for the next nursing level at your scheduled time (see appointment date in Zipline Academics). You **MAY NOT** take the next level Nursing classes until the co-requisite is complete. ie: You have speech to complete for sophomore level and are enrolled summer 1 for that. You may not be enrolled in 8200:325 summer 1 - because it is a Junior Nursing Class. Class rosters will be monitored, if you are enrolled and shouldn't be, you will be dropped and a service indicator will be put on to prevent any further enrollments/drops.

If you do not complete the co-requisite successfully in the summer session, you will be dropped from all classes and will have to contact Cheryl Buchanan to formally withdraw from your Program of Studies until you can complete the co-requisite. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Medical Record Deadline Reminder

Please remember that July 1st is the deadline for receipt of any medical, TB and CPR up-dates, as needed. If your records are not up-to-date by the deadline, you will be withdrawn from your FALL nursing classes and you could lose your seat in the classes you want! Act now to avoid distress later!

Graduation Information For Seniors and Continuing Accelerated Students:

If you have not applied for graduation there is still time! The process for a late application is:

1. Notify me at tstaab@uakron.edu so I can complete a memo to the Registrar's office giving you permission to apply late.
2. Pick up the memo and graduation application from Student Affairs.
3. Submit the application, memo and the \$100 late fee to the Commencement Office.

Please complete the above IMMEDIATELY to apply late for summer graduation. If you are applying for Fall graduation, the deadline is May 15.

General Education Requirements for Sophomores & Juniors & RN's: As you begin looking at summer classes and possibly scheduling non-nursing classes that you still need to complete, this e-mail is to remind you to **KNOW** what you still need to take in order to satisfy your General Education requirements for graduation. All of you have your "*Program of Studies*" which you received when you entered the major as your guide to what requirements you still have remaining - including your nursing classes. *You should be filling this sheet in as you complete your classes.*

As there have been many questions and some confusion regarding the Humanities and Cultural Diversity requirements for General Education, I have copied directly from the undergraduate bulletin what classes you may choose from for these requirements. If you are still confused as to what you should take, please contact an adviser in Student Affairs.

For Humanities: every student **must** complete Humanities in the Western Tradition I.

Humanities: 10 credits - 3 courses

All students are required to complete:

3400:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition I: 4 Cr.

Nursing students need to **select one course** from the following sets to complete the Humanities Option requirement, you already have completed the Intro to Ethics class from the philosophy section for 3 credits.

Set 1 - Fine Arts	
7100:210 Visual Arts Awareness	3
7500:201 Exploring Music: Bach to Rock	3
7800:301 Introduction to Theatre through Film	3
7900:200 Viewing Dance	3
Set 3 - Literature	
3300:250 Classic and Contemporary Literature	3
3300:251 Topics in World Literature	3
3300:252 Shakespeare and His World	3
3300:281 Fiction Appreciation	3
Other literature in English translation:	
3200:361 Literature of Greece	3
3580:350 Literature of Spanish-America in Translation	3
Set 4	
3400:211 Humanities in the Western Tradition II	4

Area Studies: Even if ONE class was 3 credits and you only need 4 credits...you still have to complete **TWO** COURSES of Area Studies.

Area Studies & Cultural Diversity: 4 credits - 2 courses

	<i>Credits</i>
1810:201 Introduction to Pan African Studies	3
1840:300 Introduction to Women's Studies	3
2040:254 The Black Experience from 1619 to 1877	2
2040:255 The Black Experience since 1877	2
2040:256 Diversity in American Society	2
3005:300 Canadian Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach	3
3230:251 Human Diversity	3
3350:375 Geography of Cultural Diversity	2
3400:385 World Civilization: China	2
3400:386 World Civilization: Japan	2
3400:387 World Civilization: SE Asia	2
3400:388 World Civilization: India	2
3400:389 World Civilization: Near East	2
3400:390 World Civilization: Africa	2
3400:391 World Civilization: Latin America	2
7600:325 Intercultural Communication	3

Transient Course Information

If you are planning to take classes for your level co-requisites as a TRANSIENT student (anywhere outside of UA) below is the link for transfer guides for co-requisite courses. You can only have a total of

18 transient credits, AND, you may not take any transient classes when you are within your last 32 credits of your degree.

Here is the website to cut and paste into your browser for the transfer guides.
<http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/univcoll/transferguides.php>

In order to take transient course work, **you must email me prior to enrolling in the class** with your student ID, the class you are taking, the start and end dates and the UA class name that it is equivalent to. I will generate a Transient Permission form from this information for you to pick up in MGH 313. It will be your responsibility to make certain that I receive the official transcript once the class is finished as well as giving your transient course instructor permission to e-mail your official grade to me since fall semester may begin before transcripts are received.

NCLEX REVIEW FOR MAY GRADUATES

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Seniors scheduled to graduate in August 2008 have been emailed information regarding assignment of a list of tutorials assigned to assist you to begin preparing for NCLEX testing. These tutorials are part of the Meds Publishing Nurse Logic series, accessed from the www.medspub.com website and are designed to build your test-taking skills. These are to be completed by the end of Spring semester. Additional integrated exams will be assigned during the summer semester with comprehensive review of nursing curriculum content. These will be assigned in assess (testing) mode and are designed to help you prepare for the NCLEX-RN exam. These online exams are in the Meds Publishing LS-RN series and are accessed via the www.medspub.com website but will not be available until summer semester. Look for details in your uakron email regarding the specific tutorials, exams, and due dates for both semesters. If you did not receive this information, contact Diane Brown at dbrown1@uakron.edu.

NCLEX REVIEW COURSE

A 4-day live NCLEX review course has been scheduled for May 13-16, 2008. The location of the review is in MGH 111, University of Akron campus. Each participant will be provided a comprehensive NCLEX review book and online access of **NEW** NCLEX-style questions. The course is **FREE**, your course fees hard at work, and open to all students who graduate in May 2008. You must pick up a parking pass for these days from the Office of Student Affairs, MGH 313 if you do not already have a pass for Spring semester and you wish to park on campus those days. August graduates will be offered a review course in August 2008. No pre-registration is required. The pass rate for the MEDS Live NCLEX Review course is 99.1%!! Please make plans to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for the state board licensure exam!! More information will be sent to your uakron email address. Specific questions can be directed to Diane Brown at dbrown1@uakron.edu.

SENIOR PINNING -Thursday, MAY 8th

Pinning will be held on the evening of Thursday, May 8th. All seniors who will be graduating in May or August or seniors finishing their last clinical rotation in October are eligible to participate. Seniors

must provide their own pin. If a pin has not been purchased one will need to be borrowed from a UA grad.

We are asking all seniors who intend to participate in this ceremony to e-mail their confirmation to Marci at marci5@uakron.edu. Include in the body of your e-mail the full spelling of your name as you would like it announced during the pinning ceremony along with a phonetic version next to it to assist us with the proper pronunciation --- unless, of course, your name is fairly common like Mary Jones or William Smith. May 1st is the deadline for the submission of your notice to attend.

All students participating (and volunteering) in this ceremony should:

- Dress appropriately. This is a formal occasion. Suits, dresses and pant suits are most appropriate. The ladies are asked to avoid tight or strapless garments (we must have material to attach the pin to!). We have photo albums in Student Affairs if anyone would like to see pictures from previous ceremonies. Just stop in and ask!
- Arrive at the Student Union Ballroom between 6:00 and 6:15 for check in
- Direct your guests into the ballroom --- there is no limit on the number of guests you may invite.
- Students will be directed to the SU Theater for instructions and line-up for the procession.
- If you are borrowing a pin be sure to bring it with you. Ribbon will be added to your pin while you wait.
- Leave valuables (purses, coats, etc.) with one of your guests for safe keeping.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PINNING

Volunteers are being gathered from all baccalaureate levels in the college. There is much to be done the night of the ceremony from checking students and faculty in, distributing the pins, passing out programs, etc., etc. Many hands are needed to keep the ceremony running smoothly! Volunteers need to be available between 5:00 -10:00 pm. You can volunteer for the entire evening or just for a portion of it. Please e-mail your willingness to help to Jen Davis (jmn27@uakron.edu), President of the Class of 2008 and chair of the Pinning Committee.

FINAL PINNING MEETING-Wednesday, April 23rd

The Pinning Committee will meet one more time to complete preparations for the ceremony. This meeting will be held in the Student Affairs office at noon. All committee members and anyone else who would like to offer some thoughts is welcome to attend.

GRADUATE STUDENT RECEPTION - Wednesday, May 7th

All graduating MSN students should mark their calendars for the evening of Wednesday, May 7th. The college will be hosting our annual Graduate Student Reception in MGH 306 at 5:30 pm to celebrate our new MSN graduates and present our graduate level awards. Please plan to attend!

ELECTION RESULTS AND EMAILS

The following list presents the winners of the recent leadership elections and their e-mails:

CNC President	Ashley Hartzler	aeH20@uakron.edu
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CNC Vice President	Doris Singer	das54@uakron.edu
CNC Treasurer	Debra Lehr	ddl10@uakron.edu
CNC Secretary	Melissa Hill	mfh1@uakron.edu
CNC Rep to Dean's Advisory	Leslie Youmans	llb7@uakron.edu

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President	Ryan Wells	rjw21@uakron.edu
Treasurer	Leslie Youmans	llb7@uakron.edu
Secretary	Rosanna Yoder	rly3@uakron.edu
Rep to Curriculum	Kelly Haight	kah73@uakron.edu
Rep to Research	TBA	
Rep to Deans' Advisory	Christian Warner	ccw7@uakron.edu

END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations for awards honoring graduating seniors (this includes basic BSN, RN to BSN, and Accelerated BSN tracks), MSN students as well as undergraduate and graduate faculty in the college has begun through Springboard/Student Affairs. Go into Springboard as you usually do (there's an easy icon on the College of Nursing web page), select Nursing Student Affairs from your listing of courses. Once in Student Affairs click on Content. The Awards unit should be in the list on the left side. There you will be given a description of the award criteria and a link to enter the nomination area, which is very similar to the leadership voting system. You will be required again to sign in with your UAnet ID. Names are selected from drop down boxes and a short rationale must accompany each nomination.

Both students and faculty can nominate candidates for the student awards. Only students nominate for faculty awards. Voting is then done by the faculty only for the student awards and by the students only for the faculty awards.

- Nominations will be accepted from March 31st through April 8th
- Voting on awards will begin April 11th and run through April 20th

Undergraduate winners are announced at Pinning and graduate winners at the Graduate Reception.

DEAN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM

Students who have excelled in the classroom and/or in leadership roles were invited to the Dean's Invitational Leadership Forum on April 2nd. All students (and this includes prenursing students in the college too) on the Dean's List, Honors students, students in leadership, scholarship recipients, and students in the nursing learning communities were invited.

The following seniors were honored for being on the Dean's List 3 times or more:

Emily McDonough, Alexandra Miller, Erica Portis, Larissa Olson, Marva Walker, Jennifer Davis, Salma Mansour, Carrie Majka, Riki Lee Darke, Amanda Lama, Chrissie Howard, Tara Warholic, and Allison Jordan.

If any seniors were present who feel they met the Dean's List criteria (3 or more times) and were not recognized please let me know (rklein@uakron.edu). I've discovered that my data was not complete...and most of those who were recognized were on the Dean's List even MORE times than I stated!! What an outstanding group of scholars and leaders!! You all continue to amaze me!!

Seniors recognized for their faithful service to college organizations were:

Alexandra Miller, Erica Portis, Larissa Olson, Marva Walker, Jennifer Davis, Salma Mansour, Carrie Majka, Riki Lee Darke, Chrissie Howard, Amanda Lama, Alison Jordan, Shannon Hunt, and Shane Strnad.

CON LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION - APRIL 25TH

All newly elected leaders in the college as well as the outgoing leaders will gather together on Friday, April 25th to share lunch, a discussion of their duties, and learn about campus services and support for student lead organizations. If you are an officer in a College of Nursing student organization, please RSVP to Dr. Klein (rklein@uakron.edu) as soon as possible.

MSNA

The Multicultural Student Nurses Association will be holding its annual Nurse Mentoring Dinner on the evening of Wednesday April, 23, 2008 at 5:00p in the Student Union Ballroom. This is always a great opportunity to learn the personal stories behind some great nurses! A nurse anesthetist, a flight nurse, and an ER nurse will participate. And you will have a great dinner too...and it's free! This event is open to all prenursing, nursing and graduate nursing students. Please RSVP to Jake Stoltz at js27@uakron.edu no later than Monday, April 21st. Seats go quickly for this event so don't delay!

CHI ETA PHI SORORITY

Chi Eta Phi will be inducting nine new members on April 5th. Watch for a posting in their display case outside of the Student Affairs office.

Health Fair Help Needed!

Dr. Sadler is in need of students to assist with two health fairs on April 16th. One is from 8 am to 11:30 am at Betty Jane Elementary School and the other is from 10am to 2 pm at Holy Spirit Church, 825 E. Butchel Ave. Please contact Dr. Sadler ASAP at cheryl6@uakron.edu if you are available.

RN Orientation - Tuesday, April 29th

Meredith Kalapich
(mak@uakron.edu)

All RNs beginning the nursing major in May will gather together for an orientation to the curriculum and requirements ahead. All current "prenursing" RNs should have already replied to the letter of invitation sent out in February. Please e-mail me immediately if you are finishing your prerequisite courses and intend to start the major in May but have not yet contacted Student Affairs.

TOUCHING BASE WITH THE LIVING/LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Even though we had to cancel our "What Else do Nurses Do" discussion, there is still plenty to do at the college for our learning community freshmen. You all were invited to the Leadership Forum on April 2nd. There you learned about our Honors Projects and Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society. You also saw the graduating seniors receive recognition for outstanding scholarship and leadership service in the college. You are also invited to the MSNA Mentoring Dinner and our Distinguished Lecturer events. RSVPs are required for both of them. See the specific information on each included in this newsletter.

10th ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES

Tuesday, April 22nd marks our 10th Distinguished Lecture in the annual series. Susan Hankinson, the principal investigator of the Nurses' Health Study will be our guest in the College of Nursing. She will give her formal presentation at 3:00pm in the Student Union Gardner Theater. There will be a reception immediately following her lecture in Ballrooms B, C, D, and E. The title of her presentation is: "The Nurses' Health Study: Contributions to Understanding Women's Health." This is sure to be an interesting event and a wonderful chance to see a national nursing figure in person! Please RSVP before April 14th to Betty Folk at bjfolk@uakron.edu if you can join us.

HELP NEEDED-VISITATION DAY-APRIL 19th

Student volunteers are needed for Saturday morning, April 21st, between 9:30 and noon as high schoolers and their parents visit UA's College of Nursing. Nursing students assist in answering our guests' questions and provide guided tours after the formal presentation is finished. Please e-mail Dr. Klein (rklein@uakron.edu) if you are able to assist.

HELP NEEDED FOR HIP & MAPS SUMMER VISIT - JUNE 10th

Student Affairs will be in need of a group of nursing students willing to share some of their time the morning of Tuesday, June 10th. This is the day that new 9th graders who are participating in "Healthcare In Progress" (HIP) and middle school students participating in MAPS come to visit our campus. These are usually two separate events but we've had to schedule both on the same day this summer. MAPS is coming from 9:30 to 10:30 and HIP is coming from 11:00 until noon. So it will be a busy time in the LRC! Please e-mail Dr. Klein if you are able to help that day for one or both groups (rklein@uakron.edu).

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

Medical Service Fundraising Opportunity

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Are you a member of the University of Akron Golden Key Honor Society? A student of the Honors College? Or would you just like to get more involved with great grassroots medical service fundraising opportunities? Whichever your reason, our cause needs your help!

According to the United States Census Bureau, approximately 47 millions Americans are uninsured for healthcare. Even more suffer without adequate medical care throughout the world. As an attempt to remedy this inadequate supply of medical professionals, volunteer medical teams travel throughout the world, serving all the way from medical disaster response in New Orleans to providing temporary medical care throughout Africa and other underserved populations in Central America.

One example surgical team will be travelling from one of our regional hospitals to Nicaragua this summer to provide such care. Unfortunately, teams like this survive solely on donated and oftentimes excess medical supplies, medicine, and anesthesia from corporations. Therefore, through a new grassroots initiative between the University of Akron Golden Key Honor Society and the Honors College, our hope is that we can raise the necessary funds for such volunteer medical efforts to serve as effectively as possible and most of all, with the greatest benefit for each patient in mind.

As pre-professionals growing into the field of medicine, you are each encouraged to seize upon such an opportunity, as it is never too early to get involved! If you would like to learn more about how you can aid in this great grassroots service fundraising initiative, please contact Stan Wang at sw53@uakron.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Therese Dowd
International Advisory Committee

The International Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that in response to requests and with the help of the Office of Student Affairs we will begin to make information available about possible volunteer opportunities abroad. There are many groups that go to a specific state or country to provide health care or other service. The site should be able to provide a description of the project, the sponsors, dates and contact information. We know that some students have gone on such trips. These experiences greatly enrich both the host country and the volunteers.

We do want to alert students that undertaking such an activity is an independent decision and students are to make their own arrangements. Volunteering your time and skills will not lead to credits or less clinical time. There may be some application in assignments etc only if faculty have pre-approved the student's specific request.

If you know about any such opportunities, please let the Office of Student Affairs know so that we can start providing this information soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **College of Nursing Award Nominations** - March 31st - April 8th
- **Voting on College Awards** - April 11th - 20th
- **College of Nursing Leadership Orientation** - Friday April 11th or 25th
- **Spring Visitation Day (student assistance needed)** - Saturday April 19th (AM)
- **Distinguished Lecture** - Tuesday, April 22nd
- **RN Orientation for RNs starting the major in May** - Tuesday, April 29th
- **Graduate Student Reception** - Wednesday, May 7, 2008
- **Pinning & Recognition Ceremony** - Thursday, May 8, 2008
- **Spring Commencement Exercises** - Saturday, May 10th, 2008 (afternoon ceremony)
- **New Accelerated BSN class begins** - Monday May 12th
- **New RN class begins** - Tuesday, May 20th
- **HIP and MAPS kids visiting LRC (help needed)** - Tuesday June 10th (AM)
- **Tentative Date for BSN Admission Letters** - June 30, 2008
- **Tentative Date for BSN Sophomore Orientation** - Friday, July 25, 2008
- **Dean's Reception for the Accelerated Graduating Class** - August 14th (tentative)
- **Summer Commencement** - Saturday August 16th
- **Welcome Fest (help needed)** - Sunday August 24th, 3:00-5:00p
- **Fall semester begins** - Monday August 25th