

COLLEGE OF NURSING NEWS
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NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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WELCOME TO FALL SEMESTER

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Welcome back one and all to the College of Nursing. Some of you are brand new to the college, others are returning. We're glad to have you all!

Welcome activities have filled our days in Student Affairs----Roo Fest, Ice Cream with the Dean, and Student Appreciation Day! All great events welcoming in great students!

My advice for the next phase of the semester is to get organized and get connected! This is a somewhat abbreviated issue of FYI since Student Affairs is still without a secretary...but it is still full of important dates and activities that beckon for your involvement and attention. Let's set out to build a successful and satisfying semester.

BASIC BSN PRE-NURSING STUDENTS

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Just a few NOTES:

- Read through the Pre-Nursing/Nursing Handbook for important information such as **repeat policies** and the **Progression to Major application process**. Access the Handbook at <http://www3.uakron.edu/nursing/documents/Student%20Handbook.pdf>
- Spring Registration will begin on October 19th. There will be several small group advising sessions for those who may need assistance planning out their schedule of classes. The specific dates and times will be in next month's newsletter.
- If you intend to apply for the Fall 2009 nursing class all of the prerequisites must be completed or in progress to be completed by the end of the Spring 2009 semester. Keep in mind that ranking for entry is by the science GPA, which includes IGOB I & II with labs and A & P I & II with labs (*FYI...this year's science GPA cutoff was 3.31*). If you need a reminder as to what all of the prerequisites are you can view that brochure at <http://www3.uakron.edu/nursing/documents/Brochures/BSN.pdf>

Best wishes on a successful Fall semester!!!!

MESSAGE FROM THE RECORDS SPECIALIST

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Spring 09 Grads:

Application deadline **IS** September 15 - download the application on the Registrar's website at www.uakron.edu/registrar/forms.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE AN RN LICENSE ALREADY - GRADUATION CODE IS 820000BS

If you do not apply by the 15th, there will be a \$100 late fee AND further steps to take to apply.

Sophomores

Please turn in all outstanding paperwork by FRIDAY, September 12 in the records box in MGH 313.

All Enrolled Nursing Major Students:

Advisors: Faculty advisors have been assigned for the 2008-2009 academic year. You may learn who your advisor is by signing on to Zipline. Click on **Students** then **Academics**. On the right under **Academic Record** is a link: **View my Advisors**.

NOTE: If you have questions regarding your **general education requirements, DARS, transient permission**, please see me. Nursing class changes - see Cheryl Buchanan prior to making an appointment with your advisor.

Co-Requisite Reminder: You must complete the co-requisite classes for your level before you can move into the next level of nursing classes. For example: Sophomores must complete Developmental Psychology, Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2, and Speech before taking any Junior level nursing classes. Juniors must complete Science of Nutrition before taking Senior level classes. If you do not complete the co-requisites, you will have to step out of the program until they are complete.

COLLEGE OF NURSING LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY AND SPIRIT DAY

Please mark your calendars now for the big Leadership Assembly that will take place on Wednesday, September 24th at 12:00 noon in the Student Union Theater. Our earlier date for this event worked out so well last year, we decided to continue scheduling it earlier in the semester!

This event lasts approximately one hour and provides an opportunity for all nursing student leaders to report to general student body about past accomplishments and plans for the coming year. **This is considered a mandatory event for all nursing students and is open to prenursing students too.** You will hear all about "what's happening" in the college and have an opportunity to sign up to participate in different events if you are so moved. We'll have a special report from our Mayo Clinic interns this year....what a great experience they had. Come and hear!

Involvement is the key to more satisfaction and success. Don't be left in the dark! Wear your college or university apparel and join us for a great hour!

CNC NEWS

Welcome back! I hope your summer was relaxing, and I hope the semester began well. CNC is off to a great start. I would like to share with you some important dates coming up.

The Career Fair date is October 22, 2008 from 10-2pm. There is a GREAT need for volunteers for the night before to set up, during the fair, and also after the fair is over to help clean up. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Leadership Assembly & Spirit Day on the 24th.

The ONSA Annual State Convention is October 24-25th in Dublin, OH. Watch for further details at the Leadership Assembly.

Please check out our web site for more information at any time:

<http://www3.uakron.edu/nursing/Resources/cnc.htm>

See you at the Leadership Assembly!

CNC CAREER FAIR

Please make plans to attend the CNC Career Fair on Wednesday, October 22nd. The college will be filled with potential employers hoping to attract you to their facility. This is a huge event for CNC, their major fund raiser for the year. Please plan on participating. Start fine tuning your resume and come dressed to impress. The Center for Career Planning will be having some workshops shortly before our Career Fair. You may want to consider participating in one of them.

All students are encouraged to participate in the Career Fair no matter where you are in the curriculum. It is never too early to start nurturing a relationship for employment. Many offer tuition assistance as you near graduation. You definitely will want to make a positive impression as you circulate through the floors of the building.

Prenursing LPNs and RNs

Meredith Kalapich, Adviser

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All **prenursing LPNs and RNs** who will be finishing up their prerequisites by the end of spring semester 2009 must contact Meredith Kalapich to sign their Progression to Major form this semester.

LPNs will need to register for the "Transition" course (8200:216) that is offered every spring semester. Your orientation to the College of Nursing LPN to BSN major will take place during this class.

All RNs will receive a letter early spring semester concerning the RN orientation that is held each April for RNs starting the nursing major in May. Make sure that your name is on the list for this mailing by signing your Progression to Major form soon!

Nursing Honors Students

All sophomore and junior honors students will be receiving an invitation to attend an informational meeting concerning your honors research projects soon. Be watching your e-mail for further information.

Study Abroad

The College of Nursing International Advisory Committee will be giving a short informational presentation about their trip to Freiburg, Germany at the Leadership Assembly & Spirit Day.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the assembly for next year's trip. If you are interested in more information, please contact, Mary Agnes Kendra at kendra7@uakron.edu or Therese Dowd at dowd@uakron.edu REMEMBER: This course can be used as an alternative for Cultural Dimensions.

UA's Men in Nursing Group

This group has already held their 1st meeting. Watch for more information to come concerning their program for the coming year.

Chi Eta Phi

Chi Eta Phi has already had an informational meeting. More information will be provided at the Leadership Assembly.

Multicultural Student Nurse Association (MSNA)

The Multicultural Student Nursing Association is excited about its upcoming events: First we ask you to join us to "Celebrate Health" at the health fair sponsored by the University of Akron Student Health Services. This event will be held Thursday October 23, 2008 on the Second Floor of the Student Union. Come help us as we present the advantages of good hand washing and hygiene to the University of Akron students. Our second event is the Pre-nursing Dinner to be held November 7, 2008. Watch for the flyers that will give more information as time come closer to the event

The group would also like to introduce Dr. Wanda Franklin as their new advisor and thank Dr. Cheryl Sadler for her many years of hard work and extend our best wishes on her upcoming retirement.

ASG

Welcome back students! I hope classes are going well. This is Cassandra Dunham, I am the new College of Nursing Senator. If you have any ideas or concerns dealing with the College of Nursing, or you just need someone to talk to please do not hesitate to contact me at crd15@uakron.edu. I look forward to working with all of you. Have a great year!

Student Assistance Needed!

The College of Nursing Leadership Assembly and Spirit Day will take place on **Wednesday, September 24th** in the **Student Union Theater** at **noon**. All groups in the college will report to the student body about their plans for the coming year. **ALL leaders who are going to report for their organizations or class need to e-mail Dr. Klein at rklein@uakron.edu ASAP** for inclusion in the PowerPoint presentation. Reports must be kept to a few minutes in length; sign-up sheets will be available for students to get connected with the groups at the conclusion of the hour.

Majors Mosaic: This is a campus wide event held in the **Student Union** where students may explore all the options available to them at UA. It runs from **10:00a to 2:00p on Wednesday, October 1st**. If you are able to spend an hour or so during that time frame greeting students and telling them about the nursing major, please e-mail Dr. Klein at rklein@uakron.edu.

The College of Nursing **Visitation Day** is **October 4th from 10:30a till noon**. We need volunteers to help us answer questions for high school students and their parents as well as take them through a tour of Mary Gladwin Hall in small groups. Please e-mail Marci Tomajko (marci5@uakron.edu) or sign-up at the Leadership Assembly if you can help.

Anyone interested in being on a **Student Panel** for our freshmen Living/Learning Communities on **Wednesday, November 5th at noon** in the **Student Union** please contact Meredith Kalapich at mak@uakron.edu or Marci Tomajko at marci5@uakron.edu. You will be sharing with freshmen nursing majors what it's really like to be in the nursing major. If you have previously been in our learning communities, we'd love to have you return to offer advice for those coming behind you.

Dates to Remember

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| • Leadership Assembly & Spirit Day | September 24th (noon) |
| • Pin orders (Seniors & MSN grads) | early October TBA |
| • Spring Registration Begins | October 17th |
| • Meeting with Honors Juniors | October TBA |
| • Majors Mosaic | October 1st |

- CON Visitation Day October 4th
- CNC Career Fair October 22nd (10a-2p)
- Learning Community Student Panel November 5th (noon hour)
- CON Visitation Day November 15th
- Thanksgiving Holiday November 27-28th
- Senior Pictures November/December TBA
- Fall Exam Week December 8-14th
- Winter Recess December 20th-January 10th
- Spring Semester Begins January 12th
- Martin Luther King Day January 19th
- Class of 2010 Nominations early February
- President's Day Holiday February 17th (**Tuesday!**)
- Summer Registration February TBA
- Class of 2010 Elections late February
- Scholarship Applications March
- Spring Recess March 16th-22nd
- Fall Semester Registration March TBA
- Spring Leadership Forum April TBA
- CON Leadership Orientation April TBA
- College Award Nominations April TBA
- Spring Exam Week May 4th-10th
- Graduate Student Reception (MSN) May 6th (5:00 in 306)
- Pinning Ceremony (BSN) May 8th (7:00p --- **Friday!**)
- Sophomore Orientation 2009 July 24th (afternoon)