



SCC Nursing Alumni Newsletter

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SCC Nursing Alumni Spotlighters...

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Diane graduated from SCC-WB campus in 2006. She is a critical care float at Great River Medical Center; working in ER, ICU, CCU and Dialysis. She is also on the PICC team. She is starting back to school in the Fall for her Nurse Practitioner. In her spare time, besides spending time with her husband and 3 daughters, she tutors nursing students and is Chair for the SCC Nursing Alumni Chapter.

If you would like to be a "spotlighter", please send your information to info@sccnursingalumni.org.

SCC Nursing Vespers...

Vespers was held for the West Burlington and Keokuk campuses on Saturday, May 15th at 2:00 pm. After the ceremonies, the SCC Nursing Alumni members served cake and punch. Congratulations to all the nursing graduates and to our future coworkers.



Pictures are available at www.MidAmericaPhoto.com under the SCC tab or on the SCC Nursing Alumni website.

VANTIGER'S MISSION OF HOPE TO HAITI....

When SCC graduate heard there was a group of doctors and nurses heading to Haiti to help out, in less than two weeks, Dean found himself going along. But before Dean left, he contacted SCC to help with supplies. In barely ten days, donations from both students and staff of both campuses helped supply medical supplies, dried beans, peanut butter, diapers and wet wipes. There were also cash donations of \$1100 to help. Dean said that they went through the supplies quickly and that the cash was used to pay to construct a mobile field hospital. Pictures from Dean's trip can be seen online at www.flickr.com/scciowa. Thanks Dean for your contributions in helping the people of Haiti!



The 1st SCC Nursing Alumni Reunion

The SCC Nursing Alumni hosted the first SCC Nursing Alumni Reunion on Saturday, June 19th at the Paddlewheel in Burlington, Iowa. The event was open to all nursing graduates from SCC West Burlington and Keokuk campuses. It was also for all SCC predecessors, including Burlington Hospital School of Nursing graduates and Burlington Junior College. Congratulations to Cindy Johnson (Omaha, NE) and Angie Hedges (Burlington, IA) on winning \$50 Wal-mart gift certificates. Many others won door prizes and all had a good time. Go to the www.SCCNursingAlumni.org website and check out the pictures!

NURSING STUDENTS PRACTICE WITH SIMMAN...

The nursing students at both SCC campuses are enjoying their hands on learning even more with the arrival of SimMan. The simulators help the

nursing students to get more practice on things that they might not get a chance at doing when they are on clinical. The SimMan is a patient simulator with realistic anatomy and clinical functionality. It provides simulation-based education to challenge and test students' clinical decision-making skills during realistic patient care scenarios. It consists of an interactive manikin, a patient monitor, and a control computer. For more information and a video of the SimMan in action, visit www.youtube.com/secciowa.

WHERE ARE YOU SCC NURSES????...

The SCC Nursing Alumni association is looking for you. That's right, we're trying to find our former classmates, peers and associates to increase our reach and support to all former nursing graduates. If you graduated from the nursing program at either of the two campuses in Keokuk or West Burlington, please reach out to us through the email listed below. We simply request that you send us your name, year graduated and current location. Please consider contacting us soon so that we can add you to our growing list of professionals who are leading the way in all facets of healthcare. Please send your information to info@sccnursingalumni.org.

Nursing Tidbits ...

During my second year of nursing school our professor gave us a quiz. I breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our grade. "Absolutely," the professor said. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello." I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy. ~Joann C. Jones

Bound by paperwork, short on hands, sleep, and energy... nurses are rarely short on caring.
~Sharon Hudacek, "A Daybook for Nurses"

Nurses dispense comfort, compassion, and caring without even a prescription. ~Val Saintsbury

Constant attention by a good nurse may be just as important as a major operation by a surgeon. ~Dag Hammarskjold

Keep up to date ...

Did you know that the SCC Nursing Alumni has its own website and is on Facebook? The website allows you to comment on posts, register to be added to the email group and keep up with the activities of the group. There are links to local hospitals and state nursing boards. Information regarding CEU's and scholarships will also be updated on the site as information is received. So check us out at www.sccnursingalumni.org! Facebook is another method to keep in touch with classmates and keep informed regarding upcoming events and postings.

Congratulations...

Diane Aliprandi was chosen for the Nursing Excellence in Practice Award at Great River Medical Center.

Jerri Dean was chosen as the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus for SCC West Burlington campus.



If you have recently furthered your education or obtained recognition, please let us know so that we can recognize you too! Send information to info@sccnursingalumni.org.

How can I become an SCC Nursing Alumni member?

The SCC Nursing Alumni Chapter was started in 2007. It is a part of the SCC Alumni Association Foundation. To become an SCCAA Nursing Alumni member, you had to graduate from the SCC nursing program, or the Burlington Hospital nursing program. Dues are \$10/year or \$100/lifetime. For new graduates, you can get a lifetime membership for \$50 within the first 3 months of graduating. For more information on becoming a member, visit the SCCAA Nursing Alumni website and click on the SCC Alumni Assoc. tab or

http://www.sciowa.edu/about/alumni_found/alumni/index.html.

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Finishing touches to think on...

Being successful at nursing is not a destination, but instead it is a journey. For better or for worse, your career is in your hands. Free agent athletes and other successful people don't count on "breaks," they know that rewards only come from consistently and persistently working toward a worthy goal.

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