New Student Orientation

Welcome!
Orientation Agenda

- **Opening Comments:** Cyndie Shadow, Campus President.
- **Financial Aid:** Quandra Hamilton, Director of Financial Aid.
- **Business Office:** Hyon Carter, Business Office Manager.
- **Career Services:** Marilyn Hendricks, Director of Career Services.

**Education Department**
- Dr. Joseph Lucero, Dean of Education.
- Megan Gaffney, Learning Resource Center Manager.
- Denise Boon, Registrar.

**Admissions Department Wrap-Up:**
- Mark Obermeyer, Director of Admission.

**Program Breakout Sessions**
- Bindley Solomon, Medical Assisting/Medical Billing & Coding Dept. Chair.
- Ayreon Jackson, Expanded Functions Dental Assisting Dept. Chair.
Core Strengths of Your College

- **Career-Oriented Programs:**

  The College’s programs have been developed and are periodically reviewed in conjunction with industry advisory boards to ensure that they continue to prepare graduates according to current needs and expectations of the community of employers served by Fortis College.
More Strengths of Your College

- **Qualified, Caring Faculty:**
  Through their academic credentials and professional experience, faculty members are qualified to teach the courses assigned to them, and all are committed to providing the extra assistance students may need to achieve their career goals.
More Strengths of Your College

- **Graduate Employment Assistance:**
  Students approaching graduation receive, at no additional charge, career and employment assistance for finding entry-level positions in their preferred careers.
More Strengths of Your College

- **Small Classes and Personal Attention:**
  A small student-to-faculty ratio helps students obtain the most from their educational investment by ensuring easy access to instructional equipment and to attentive and helpful faculty.
Winter Weather Closings & Late Openings

If our Campus has a late opening or closure due to inclement weather:

- There will be a message on our telephone system @ (301)459-3650.

- AND an announcement on the following television stations: NBC 4, Fox 5, ABC 7, News Channel 8, & WUSA 9.

If there are NO ANNOUNCEMENTS please arrive at your normally scheduled class time.
Financial Aid Office Hours & Staff

- **Monday - Thursday**
  8:30am – 8:00pm
- **Friday**
  8:30am – 5:00pm
- **Saturday**
  9:00am-1:00pm

- **Quandra Hamilton**, Director of Financial Aid
  - [QHamilton@FortisCollege.edu](mailto:QHamilton@FortisCollege.edu)
  - 301-459-3650 ext. 4118

- **Kimberly Shepard**, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
  - [KShepard@FortisCollege.edu](mailto:KShepard@FortisCollege.edu)
  - 301-459-3650

- **Michael Robinson**, Financial Aid Advisor
  - [MRobinson@FortisCollege.edu](mailto:MRobinson@FortisCollege.edu)
  - 301-459-3650 ext. 4159

- **Marcia Holmes**, Financial Aid Advisor
  - [MHolmes@FortisCollege.edu](mailto:MHolmes@FortisCollege.edu)
  - 301-459-3650 ext. 4121
Financial Aid Office Services

- The Financial Aid Department is located on the 1st floor between the Career Services Offices.

- The Financial Aid Department is responsible for:
  - Processing federal student aid.
  - Determining your awards.
  - Setting up your financial plan.
Business Office Staff & Hours

- **Hyon Carter**, Business Office Manager, ext. 4116
  HCarter@FortisCollege.edu

- **Tajuana King**, Business Office Assistant, ext. 4144
  Tajuana.King@FortisCollege.edu

- Monday 7:30am-5:00pm
- Tuesday 7:30am-8:00pm
- Wednesday 8:00am – 8:00pm
- Thursday 7:30am – 5:00pm
- Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Office: 301-459-3650
Fax: 301-459-3640
The Business Office is responsible for receiving and posting of your student tuition, payments, and outside scholarship fund.

Be sure to stop by the Business Office to:

- Make your payments.
- Check on student account information.
- To be provided with the current statement of activities.
Career Services Welcomes You!

- **Marilyn Hendricks**, Career Services Director.  
  Marily.Hendricks@FortisCollege.edu; 301-459-3650 ext. 4113

  RBass@FortisCollege.edu; 301-459-3650 ext. 4137

- **Twilah Heckstall**, Career Services Advisor.  
  THechstall@FortisCollege.edu; 301-459-3650 ext. 4137

  RMontalvo@FortisCollege.edu; 301-459-3650 ext. 4120

**Office Hours:**
- Mon – 10:30am – 7:00pm
- Tues – 8:30am – 8:00pm
- Wed – 10:30am – 8:00pm
- Thurs – 8:30am – 8:00pm
- Fri – 8:30am – 4:00pm
What is Career Services?

- We’ll help you with your job search…
- Connect you with employers…
- WE HELP YOU WITH…
  - Resumes, cover letters.
  - Interview Skills through mock interviews.
  - Dressing for Success.
Career Service Workshops

- Introduction to Career Services
- Resume Building
- Interviewing/Professionalism
- Externship
- Entering the job market
Self-Directed Job Search

- Your new career starts today.
  - Begin to network.
  - Begin to target employers for externship, volunteer opportunities, and employment.
The LRC provides:

- Computers for academic, job searching, and personal use.
- 24-hour access to the Online Library @ www.lirn.net

Books on:

- What you’ll learn in your classes.
- Certification exam preparation.
- Career, professional, & personal development.
The LRC Also Provides

- Orientations & class instruction sessions.

- One-on-one help on:
  - Everything in or offered by the LRC.
  - Your research and informational needs.
  - Computers & technology, etc.

- My Campuslink Portal account help and support.

Student Portal [www.mycampuslink.com](http://www.mycampuslink.com)
Library Hours

- Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 8:00pm
- Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
- Saturday: 9:00am – Noon
- Sunday: Closed

LRC Manager hours

- Monday: Noon – 8:00pm
- Tuesday – Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Student worker hours

- Tuesday – Thursday: 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am – Noon
LRC Site

http://libguides.yourlrc.info/landoverlrc

Online Resources

APA Resources

LRC Hours

Select online LRC resources

Library Catalog
Monitor your academic records online, including:
- Your unofficial transcript.
- GPA.
- Final grades.
- Class schedule.

Access your student account information, including your billing statements, and even make tuition payments.

Review your financial aid.
Setting Up Your Portal Account

- To begin using the Student Portal, you need to set up your account @ www.mycampuslink.com

- You need a valid personal email account on file at the College to create your account.

- You should get an email telling you to set up your account.
  - If you have any difficulties talk to me or the registrar.
Receiving Text Messages from Fortis

- After setting up your portal account, you can opt-in to receiving text messages with important school-related information.

The Personal tab contains YOUR Primary contact information. To update your address click the request change button and include your Street Address, City, State and Zip Code in the open message area.

The Addresses tab allows you to request adding addresses such as Parents, Permanent Mailing Addresses or Billing Addresses.

The SMS Tab allows you to Opt In for SMS Text Messaging directly to your portable device.

Required Field *

Mobile Phone * (321)-555-1234

Enable SMS Messaging? Yes

Edit

View Disclaimer
Your Registrar

- Ms. Denise Boon, Registrar
  DBoon@FortisCollege.edu

- Registrar's Office Hours, Room 502:
  - Monday 8:00 – 4:00
  - Tuesday 11:00 – 7:00
  - Wednesday-Friday 8:00 – 4:00
The Registrar Offers You

- Certificates/degree for successful completion of program.

- Proof of enrollment letters - student must be actively attending at least two weeks.

“DON’T DREAM YOUR LIFE - LIVE YOUR DREAM TODAY”
Graduate With Honors

- **Valedictorian** -- Cumulative GPA of 3.91 - 4.0 & 90% attendance.
  - Special Recognition: Red & black cord & white gown at graduation.

- **Summa Cum Laude** – Cumulative GPA 3.91 – 4.00 with 90% attendance.
  - Special Recognition: White gown & white cord at graduation.

- **Magna Cum Laude** – Cumulative GPA 3.81 – 3.90 with 85% attendance.
  - Special Recognition: White gown & white cord at graduation.
More Graduation Honors

- **Dean’s List** - Cumulative GPA 3.50 – 3.80 with 80% attendance.
  - Special Recognition: Blue gown & gold cord at graduation.

- **Alpha Beta Kappa** - Cumulative GPA 3.70 – 4.00 with 90% attendance.
  - Special Recognition: Membership into the National Honor Society, Special induction ceremony at graduation.

- **Perfect Attendance** - Attends 100% of class for entire program **without** any minutes/days missed.
  - Special Recognition: Certificate & wears blue cord at graduation.
Academic Expectations

- Be on time and attend all classes, absences can lead to dismissal
- Successfully complete all class and homework on time, study like your life depends on it, because someone’s life will...
- Fully participate and engage in clinics and labs
Academic Expectations

- Adhere to Standards of Student Professional Conduct: Academic Integrity and General Conduct
- Dress Code: Full scrubs, cover tattoos, no facial piercings, be clean
- Cell phones: Put them away during class, bae will understand
Academic Expectations

- Be professionals now!
- GRADUATE!!!
- NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
Staying Healthy: WellConnect Services

- Balancing work, life, and school can be challenging, but we can help you stay on course. We’ll offer guidance and support to help you deal with issues that impede your ability to accomplish your academic, professional, and personal goals. Fortis College’s WellConnect program offers FREE services that are designed to help students work through these issues as they arise. As a student you are entitled to the following services:

- **Counseling**, including unlimited in-the-moment telephonic support, available 24/7/365, with a master’s level WellConnect Counselor.

- **Budget and Debt consultation** with a professionally trained and certified financial counselor to provide personalized insight to help you reach your goals.

- **Legal consultation** to offer advice and insight on many legal issues you’re facing.

- **New Parent Transition Program** to help you prepare for and adjust to your new arrival.

- **Community Referrals** to connect you with the resources you need in your area.

- **WellConnect outreach** if you’re not quite sure where to start, we’ll call you to get the ball rolling.

- [https://vimeo.com/169147075/dabfa07be9](https://vimeo.com/169147075/dabfa07be9)
Admissions Department Wrap-Up

- **Mark Obermeyer, Director of Admissions.**
  Ext. 4115  MObermeyer@FortisCollege.edu

- Where to go on your 1st day?

- What is needed to complete your Admissions.

- Are you prepared to start the first day of your new career?
Welcome and Congratulations!

Best of luck in this first step to your new career!

We look forward to helping you succeed!

Questions?