Hello Fortis Students and Staff,

Happy Holidays! This is Harris your Nursing Student Advisory Board president. I am a second year nursing student.

This year for the Holidays the SAB, with your help, would like to put together a gift basket for Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Learning Center. The facility is part of the Cornerstone Ministries and serves as a day care facility for the Tampa community.

The center put together a needs list which includes some of the following:

- Diapers (size 1 and up)
- Receiving blankets
- Onesiess (size 0-24 months)
- Baby bottles with nipples
- Bibs (small & large)
- Books for Preschoolers
- Wipes, tissues, clothing and shoes
- Plastic spoons

We will have a donation box in the LRC starting December 1st. Please help us with filling our gift basket for Rosa Valdez.

Additionally, please remember to do your class/instructor evaluations forms. This is our voice and your opportunity to express your feelings and rate your course experiences. It does not go unheard or unnoticed, so it is important that we do this.

To all MA, HVAC, and Nursing students...I want to encourage every student here on your journey towards your goals. Please remember, your education is your responsibility. However, our Fortis instructors and staff are here to help you every step of the way. Don’t be shy! You are not alone.

For questions or comments, please email me at hjamesk@yahoo.com

— James Harris
Student Advisory Board President

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MORE WORDS OF WISDOM

“Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.”

—Samuel Johnson

Recent Graduates and Continuing Education

Continuing education after graduation is one of the most important things any professional has to do throughout their life. There will always be improvements and updates that you will need to be aware of to do your job safely and correctly. It is also a good way show prospective or current employers that you are serious about your work and are willing to continue your education.

It could also lead to:

- Promotions
- Job opportunities
- An increase in income
- An increased sense of self-esteem
- Peer approval and appreciation

Here are some ways you can continue your education:

- Keep up with current research
- Join associations or societies
- Earn certifications
- Earn free CEU from subscription journals
- Earn additional academic degrees
- Take open-access courses

Some open-access course sites:

- Coursera: [https://www.coursera.org/](https://www.coursera.org/)
- edX: [https://www.edx.org/](https://www.edx.org/)

“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”

—Nelson Mandela
Monthly Observances

These last two months of 2014 are a time for finals, tests, graduations and holiday celebrations. But, while you are studying and celebrating, keep in mind these monthly observances:

December is the:
- Safe Toys and Celebrations Month
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- Older Driver Safety Awareness Week (Dec 1-5)
- AIDS Day (Dec 1)

November is the:
- Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
- American Diabetes Month
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month
- Family Caregivers Month
- Hospice/Palliative Care Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Sexual Health Month

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Check It Out

These just in! Stop by the LRC and take a look at some of our new additions.

Don’t forget about our journals. Some of our great subscriptions include *ACHR News*, *Medsurge Nursing*, *EBN: Evidence Based Nursing*, and *Nursing made Incredibly Easy!*

Remember—all books and materials are due back to the LRC by December 27th. Materials not returned by that date will be subject to an $80 fine.

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Student Services

**ATTENTION:**

**ID-Card Photos**

If you need a new or replacement ID Card, please arrange a time to meet with Eva Vaughn. (Replacement fee $10 Payable to business office.)

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See Richard Krause to sign up for CPR courses and to receive your CPR Card.

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Math & Science Tutoring

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