FROM THE PRESIDENT
Our Campus President At The White House

Sep 15, 2015

Last week I returned from the White House after accepting an invitation to participate in the Presidents Community Service Challenge. Working with President staffers, such as Senior advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett, Gayle Smith and Melissa Rogers I was proud to be the only Campus President present representing Proprietary Education. The system that has the highest percentage of our Students that are non-traditional, socially or economically disadvantaged. I was able to clearly express, during my visit to the White House, the injury Gainful Employment may cause the segment of our Student Body that can least afford it. It was a fantastic opportunity focused on sustainable community Service programs.

On a personal note, as I left the White House with so much inspiration and possibilities on my mind I could not help but reflect on my beginnings, teaching at Springfield Technical Community College in 1974.

RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
-- Cynthia Parker, Program Director

Congratulations to Abby Lanthorn, Tracy Tobias, Martina Glover, Renee Southworth, Katy Becker, Ebonie Howard, and MaLaina Pollard-Chilton (left to right in the photo) for passing their National Licensing Exam (ARRT) Registry for a license to work in radiology!!

FINANCIAL AID
-- Deidre Vance, Director of Financial Aid

2015-16 FAFSAs/Verification
Processing has begun for the 2015-16 FAFSA submissions. If you are expecting grant funds and it is not posted to your student account, it may not be posted due to verification. You should contact the financial aid office to confirm that you do not need to provide additional information in order to continue processing.

Have You Withdrawn from a Class This Term?
You must meet with financial aid so that we can revise your financial package to cover the cost of retaking the class. Please make sure that you stop by the registrar's office for a revised plan of study. You must pay to retake a class and your financial aid must be revised accordingly. Failure to meet with financial aid may result in out of

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pocket expenses down the road. Please stop by to schedule an appointment for repackaging.

In addition, if you fail a course or change your schedule from the original plan of study, you will need to meet with financial aid for repackaging. Changes in your schedule can result in changes in your financial aid eligibility.

AND if you fall below 1/2 time in any quarter, your loans go into immediate repayment.

For all Federal Stafford Loan borrowers, you must be at least 1/2 time (6 credit hours) to be eligible to receive loans for the term. If you have any questions or concerns about your schedule, please stop by the registrar’s office.

Did you know that a first term student at Fortis College must wait 30 days from the start of the first term before your first disbursement of Federal Stafford Loans will be sent to the school? When you attend your first term at Fortis College, student loans will disburse 30 days after the first day of the term. If you are scheduled for a refund, you must wait approximately 45-60 days before you received any refunds. All aid must be posted to your student account and all billing must have occurred on your account. For more details, please contact your financial aid representative.

Financial Aid Office Hours
The financial aid office hours are M - R 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., F 8:00am - 5:00p.m., S 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

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Did you know?
Did you know that you must attend at least 6 credit hours to receive Federal Stafford Loans

CAREER SERVICES CORNER
-- Marlene Teed, Director of Career Services

NETWORKING FOR THOSE OF US THAT ARE SHY
BY: Marlene D. Teed, Director of Career Services

I know it might be hard to believe, but networking is a difficult thing for me to do. I feel quite overwhelmed by the amount of people at an event and then the pressure to make connections. Since I have this issue, I know there are others out there that feel the same way. To also support this assertion that there are other shy people that feel...
this way, I found numerous articles on how to get around being an introvert. There are even networking for dummies books out there!

Since there is so much information out there about networking, I thought I would give out my tips as well.

1. Prepare to go out into a crowd of people.
2. Remember that everyone there is just another person just like you.
3. Have your positioning statement ready. (Tell me about yourself.)
4. Be a good listener.
5. Choose a person that is either alone or with one or two other people and introduce yourself.
6. Ask for a business card.
7. Have good eye contact.
8. Smile!

We are here to help! MTeed@FortisCollege.edu / AHandmaker@FortisCollege.edu/ 614-882-2551

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
– by Laura Cheng, LRC Manager

The Library & Information Resource Network has a new face. All databases are arranged by subject.

Databases students use most often are listed under Health & Medical. Under this category, Gale Nursing & Allied Health Collection and ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source are the two most important databases for students and faculty.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER
– by Scott Mullins, Student Success Center Coordinator

The Student Success Center’s (SSC) hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Saturday by appointment!
The SSC’s four staff members are Nikki Pappas, Alanna Gibson, Tom Neuzil, and me. Each of these people is one of the SSC’s four academic coaches. Nikki Pappas leads the SSC and is Director of Student Services at Fortis College Columbus. The SSC provides academic coaching in study skills (e.g., time management, note-taking strategies, reading strategies, memorization techniques, test-taking strategies, ways to reduce test anxiety), and it connects you to instructors so they can provide you with academic coaching in the subject matter of your courses. You are welcome to stop into the SSC any time it is open. Also, the SSC is now a study hall—i.e., a place you can go to study quietly. Nikki Pappas recently said the following in an e-mail to the Fortis Columbus employees about the SSC’s study hall format: “The SSC is a place where students can sit and study quietly on their own while being in close proximity to one of our coaches in case the student feels there might be a need for assistance on a particular assignment.” The SSC is a source of support for you, a place you can go to ask questions! Please visit the SSC for a walk-in session with one of our coaches (if you have not scheduled an appointment, however, the SSC cannot guarantee that one of its coaches will be able to meet with you immediately for a walk-in session). You can schedule an appointment with the SSC by calling its phone number--(614) 882-2551 ext. 5224 (please leave a voice mail if necessary)--, or by stopping into the SSC and speaking to one of its coaches.

Arnold Gillam is a student in Fortis Columbus’s Associate Degree in Nursing program. In September 2015 Mr. Gillam revealed the following about how the SSC helped him:

“What the SSC did for me was give me a basis for organization. It gave me a concept map of how to separate what’s important from what’s not important. Even something small like organizing your car, organizing your work desk. Using small tabs on binders. Picking out the key points on what you feel is important on the subject matter [of your courses].

It’s up to the individual to take what the instructor gives you, and take what you can from the SSC. ... You have to use your resources [that are available at Fortis Columbus], because one thing isn’t going to help you prevail.”

Please reach out to the SSC’s staff to obtain academic coaching. The SSC is located on the 2nd Floor near the vending machines. The SSC’s staff hopes to see you soon!
IT TRICKS & TIPS

Don’t forget to download the APA Template from a computer at the LRC or either of the computer labs for writing your papers!

MEET THE NEW PEOPLE

New Staff:

Jodi Crowe, Financial Aid Officer
My Name is Jodi Crowe, and I am very excited to be part of the Financial Aid Department, at the Fortis Westerville Campus. I earned both my Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Business Administration at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. I previously worked in Human Resources and Operations at a Financial Institution. During my spare time I enjoy spending time with my fiancé and two teenage sons, while working with rescue animals. We currently have four dogs, a couple cats and a pot-bellied pig. My oldest son is a sophomore at Otterbein University and my youngest is a junior in High School. I look forward to learning and growing with all of you!

Teneah Chambers, Allied Health Program Director
Daryl Balliet
My name is Teneah Chambers and I am the Allied Health Director at Fortis College. I have worked as a certified medical assistant, instructor, and pharmacy technician. My education background consists of an Associate’s degree in Medical Assisting and a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Public Health. I am married and have 3 children. When not teaching I enjoy eating at new restaurants and traveling. I look forward to bringing my brand of zany humor to Fortis College!

Other Staff:

Abdifatah Abdulhakim (friends and colleagues call him Abdi), IT Technician
Abdi comes to us will vast experience and is focused on giving great IT service to our Faculty, Staff and Students. Please department chairs, Managers and Directors continue to utilize “Columbus Student IT” e-mail address for your requests. Abdi will be training with Chad this week. Next week and going forward Abdi hours will be MW&F = 8am to 5pm and T&R 12pm to 9pm

Faculty:

Chelsea Dye: BXR Instructor
Chelsea Dye comes to us from OhioHealth where she worked as a Radiologic Technologist, Medical Assistant and Clinical Receptionist. She is a proud graduate of the Fortis College-Columbus Radiologic Technologist program! She is thrilled to be here as the MABXO Lead Instructor and to help mentor students to enter the field as successful GMXOs!

Chelsea is from Northeast Ohio, specifically the Wooster/Loudonville area. She loves to travel home often to visit with her family. Chelsea is married to her Husband, Thomas, and they reside in Delaware. They love to travel, cook together [Thomas is a classically trained chef], and are proud parents of their 2 1/2 year old daughter Giada Madison. They are proud and active members of Delaware Grace Brethren Church.
SUMMER COMMENCEMENT 2015
-- Marlene Teed, Career Services director
Fortis College proudly held its Summer 2015 Commencement on Saturday, September 12, 2015, at the National Historic Landmark, The Ohio Theatre. The theatre’s beauty matched the beautiful smiles of the graduates and their delighted family members and friends. The excitement of the graduates was contagious. The college administration, faculty, and staff were thrilled to participate in the ceremony.

The National Anthem was exquisitely sung by Jordon LeuVoy. The guest speaker for the commencement was Mr. Dimitrious Stanley, a community leader whose passion is helping others improve themselves. Mr. Stanley is well known for his days as a wide receiver for The Ohio State University and playing for the Miami Dolphins. Mr. Stanley gave encouraging words about the importance of being graduates and the contribution they make to the community by working.

Graduates happily walked across the stage with shouts and cheers from the audience. The on-stage administration and faculty applauded the graduates who went on to shake hands with Mr. Peter Martinello, Campus President. All college programs presented graduates. Mrs. Shawna Harvey, Dean of Nursing, presented nursing graduates. The Florence Nightingale Pledge was recited by all nurses. Mrs. Leah Beall, Program Director of Surgical Technology and Ms. Cynthia Parker, Program Director of Radiologic Technology welcomed their graduates to the stage that are working as certified surgical technologist and registered radiological technologist. Mrs. Parker also introduced the first graduates of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration.

Mrs. Angela LeuVoy, Director of Community Programs, and Teneah Chambers, Allied Health Program Director, finished the greeting of graduates on the stage from medical assisting, medical office business x-ray technician, and medical billing and coding.

The commencement was a wonderful experience and enjoyed by all!
DON’T FORGET TO LAUGH!!!

You got to be kidding me. What pet cemetery did you dig this thing out of?

Happy Halloween

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