FROM THE PRESIDENT
-- Peter Martinello

ABHES VISIT
Team Columbus
Let me first start out by thanking everyone for the sacrifice and hard work in making this a successful ABHES visit. This was truly a team effort! The visit is completed and went well. The only finding was with distance education (Discussion Board Design). In addition, the school received “exceeds expectation” in five areas:

- LRC
- Equipment & Supplies
- Rad Tech Equipment & Lab
- Distance Ed Orientation
- Nursing equipment

In the 41 years I have been in education this is the most “exceeds expectations” ever received or even heard of a Campus receiving. You should all be extremely proud. This was an outstanding visit with NO findings attributed to the Ground Campus!

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
– by Laura Cheng, LRC Manager

We have started Lunch & Learn month presentations since June 2015. Each month we invited different speakers from inside and outside of the school for different topics. Here are tentative topics that we will cover in the upcoming year. Let us know if there is other topics that you are interested.

- Time management
- Note taking
- Concentration – stay focus
- Professionalism
- Writing/speech skills
- Reading skills
- Math makes easy
- Computer maintenance/ repair
- Digital identity
- Financial management (with Telhio Credit Union and 5/3 Bank)
- Transition – from student to professional

Lunch & Learn presentation is on every 3rd Wednesday of a month from 11:30 to 12:15. Pizza and beverage is provided. Please sign up at the LRC, Student Success Center, or Career Services. We need to know the number of participants in order to order sufficient amount of food and beverage.

Congratulations!
STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER
-- by Scott Mullins, Student Success Center Coordinator
Starting in early January 2016, the Student Success Center (SSC) will have bi-weekly raffles! Each time you visit the SSC for a substantial amount of time (approximately at least 15 minutes), you will receive a ticket to be placed in the SSC’s next bi-weekly raffle. In addition, at the end of the quarter the SSC will raffle off a larger item. Each time you visit the SSC for at least about 15 minutes, you increase your chances of winning this larger item that will be raffled off at the end of the quarter, because each of these visits gets you a ticket that will be entered into the raffle of this item. Please visit the SSC for a walk-in session with an SSC staff member (unless you have scheduled an appointment, the SSC cannot guarantee that an SSC staff member will be able to meet with you immediately when you go to the SSC). You can schedule an appointment with the SSC by calling 614-882-2551 ext. 5224 or by stopping into the SSC and speaking to an SSC staff member. The SSC is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Saturday by appointment!

New SSC staff member: Alanna Gibson, Student Success Coach

IT TRICKS & TIPS
The software program, Deep Freeze, is installed on all public computers. After certain time of idle, the program will erase personal files from a computer. Bring your own flash drive while working on the school computer. Do not save any personal file on any of the computers. Or you will lose the file later.

If you need to purchase a flash drive, you can check with the Business Office. It is $15 for a flash drive.

MEET THE NEW PEOPLE
New Staff:

Carol Doan, Dean of Nursing Program
Dr. Carol J. Doan, Dean of Nursing joined Fortis College November 2015. Dr. Doan has more than 30 years’ experience in the health care profession, including 15 years of academic experience as faculty member for Mt. Carmel College of Nursing, Franklin University, and as assistant dean and program administrator for Chamberlin College of Nursing, Ashland University, and consultant to Ohio Christian University. Dr. Doan earned her PhD in education with a specialty in Instructional Design for Online Learning from Capella University, Master of Science in Nursing
with a Gerontology focus from the Ohio State University, a BSN from Ohio University with a certificate in Gerontology, and a Diploma in Nursing from Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

Dr. Doan’s teaching expertise includes leadership, geriatric nursing, and complex nursing care. In December, 2007 Carol was recognized in Ohio Magazine for contributions and dedication to achieving Excellence in Education. Research interests include, the applicability of instructional design theories and strategies that stimulate clinical reasoning and problem solving related to clinical simulation; harassment and cyber stalking in the scholarly online environment; and the role of faculty related to student success.

Dr. Doan supports the mission of Fortis and is committed to providing an engaging environment that provides a stimulating academic environment using simulation technologies fully integrated into the nursing curriculum.

Zachary Nethers, Nursing Skills Lab and Simulation Coordinator
Dr. Nethers holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Chatham University, Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Keller Graduate School of Management, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a focus in Executive Leadership from Chamberlain College of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Chamberlain College of Nursing, and an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) from Central Ohio Technical College. Dr. Nethers has roughly 10 years of nursing experience in clinical, leadership/management, and education with experience teaching in the LPN through Doctoral degree. Dr. Nethers is also a Captain and Army Nurse in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Holly Seidl, Allied Health Externship Coordinator/Instructor
Holly Seidl came to Fortis this past September, she is our Allied Health Externship Coordinator, as well as one of the Medical Assisting Instructors. Holly has over 31 years of patient care experience, including both the civilian and military sector. After graduating from Southern State, and working for a year, Holly joined the U.S. Army Reserves, serving over 16 years in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. Holly has taught medical assisting at American School of Technology and Ohio Business College. Holly has a deep conviction for patient care, and continues to work in the medical field at this time. She has experience in the administrative portion of the medical office, having been instrumental in facilitating the start-up of medical practices; as well as 30 years in the clinical field, including Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and various medical practices. Holly has two children, one of which still lives at home while in college. She has two grandchildren, Jude age 5 and Mila age 1. Holly resides in Westerville, having moved to Ohio in 1991, after serving in the Gulf War. In addition to spending time with her grandchildren, Holly enjoys making greeting cards and cooking. Holly believes that giving back to church and community is one of life’s greatest pleasures. She volunteers on a monthly basis with Grace Clinics, and is on the City of Westerville Relay for Life Planning Committee with the American Cancer Society.
Latrina Bray, Business Office Administrator  
My name is LaTrina Bray and I am the Business Office Administrator for the Fortis College Columbus Campus. Originally, I am from Michigan and moved to Columbus in 2007. I am happily married to my husband Earl, and have 3 children. I enjoy cooking, making floral arrangements, listening to music, spending time with my family and friends, teaching, and ministering gospel music through Sign Language. I like watching movies and different TV shows, like Law & Order and CSI: Miami, and some 70’s and 80’s TV sitcoms. One of my most memorable vacations was when my husband and I traveled to Jamaica for our anniversary. It was a relaxing and absolutely wonderful experience. I am a graduate of the Fortis College Medical Assisting program and I am AAMA certified. Prior to attending Fortis College, I obtained my Bachelor degree In Human Resources Management from Grand Valley State University. It is my pleasure to meet you and I am very proud to be working here.

Emily Perez, Receptionist  
My name is Emily I am the receptionist here at Fortis and this is just a little story about me. I have been married to my husband Zack for 3 years, I don’t have any children yet but I would like to in a few years when my husband graduates college. My favorite color is purple and my second favorite is pink. I have a cat named Charlie however he is living with my parents right now because my apartment does not allow pets. I named my cat Charlie after my favorite character from the television show Lost which is no longer on air. The Characters name is Charlie Pace. I do not have a favorite food because I love everything except Coconut (allergic) and Cherries. The best vacation I went on I used to think was the Cruise I treated myself to 7 years ago but that has been topped and I never thought I could top that trip. The best Trip I went on was my honeymoon. I went to South Bend Indiana to watch my husband’s favorite college football team Notre Dame have their spring game. That was the best trip and it was a ton of fun walking around such a beautiful campus.

The one thing about me that a lot of people don’t know is that I am a big nerd and I will say I am proud of my nerd status. I love Doctor Who, Star Wars, Once Upon a time, Harry Potter, almost anything Disney Marvel and DC, I read comics, and I also play video game. My Husband jokes that me and him together are walking talking nerd encyclopedias. He also says he has never met another woman that likes cool nerdy stuff as much as me. At my wedding as a surprise my Mom decorated our sweetheart table with Nerd candy we also had Lego mini figure’s that looked like a Bride and Groom as part of our centerpiece. The reason for her decoration was so everyone at the wedding knew who the
nerds were. If there is anything else you want to learn about me come by and say hi some time. I love my job here at Fortis and I am looking forward to many years to come.

Alanna Gibson, Coach of Student Success Center
In addition to working as a Coach in the Student Success Center, Alanna Gibson is an independent scholar with a research interest in liminality in time and western culture. A nationally recognized speaker, Alanna has presented at such institutions as Louisiana State University and Drew University. Between speaking at institutions of learning across the country, most recently she has worked on local and international feature films and with Sports Illustrated magazine. Outside of work, Alanna enjoys drawing and dance, and is currently illustrating a children’s book. She received her bachelor’s degree in English and the Performing Arts from Alfred University in 2007 and her Master’s degree in Composition and Rhetoric from the University of Dayton in 2014.

New Faculty:

David H. Kerecman, Nursing Instructor
Thank you for welcoming me to Fortis College. I am excited to get started teaching in the nursing program. Hopefully, my experience and knowledge will serve as a resource for all of you who are diligently working towards your goals. I have been in the emergency medical field since I was 19 years old. Working as a paramedic, firefighter, LPN, and RN has given me the opportunity to learn many aspects of healthcare from different points of view. Currently I work as an ED nurse and Clinical Outcomes Manager at a local hospital. I find joy in being able to help those around me. Whether it is patients, new nurses, or nursing students, I am always willing to lend a hand. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help facilitate your success. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. Thank you, Dave.

Robert Ryan, Nursing Instructor
I have been a Registered Nurse for over 41 years, and have experience in Orthopedics, Med/Surg, Emergency Room, ICU, Quality Assurance, Chart Audit, Trauma, Surgery, Pediatrics, Long Term Care, and Administration. I was also a Hospital Corpsman with the United States Navy and Marine Corps. During my long career, I have held positions ranging from Staff Nurse to Director of Nursing, and have extensive clinical experience. My new position as Nursing Clinical Instructor for the LPN program at Fortis College has enabled me to draw upon my broad and diverse clinical experiences that span multiple decades and share that knowledge with students who are eager to learn. While so many things have
changed over my years in healthcare, the important things have remained constant. Patients are people, not room numbers or diagnoses. Like you and I, they have emotional, physical, psychological, and spiritual needs. They have friends and families. And they also have goals, dreams, and too often, regrets. I firmly believe that, as healthcare providers, Nurses are in a unique position to understand our patients’ needs in all of these dimensions, and are able to have a positive impact in their lives.

And, while I am a Registered Nurse, I am not “one dimensional”. I have a BS in Computer Information Systems and have spent a number of years developing custom computer software and supporting end-users. I am an Ordained Minister of The Gospel and have pastored or preached at a number of churches after attending the ministries program of Central Christian College of the Bible in the 1980’s. When I am not teaching nursing students, I do residential remodeling through my company, Old School Handymen, LLC, along with my business partner.

My hometown is Mt. Vernon, Ohio, but I have not lived there for many years. My wife, Cheryl, and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in March of 2016. We are raising our 14-year-old grandson, Max, who is a competitive figure skater and who is currently training in Ann Arbor, Michigan, under 2 Olympic level coaches. Also living with us is my 86-year-old mother, 2 rescued Great Danes, and 3 cats.

Providing clinical instruction for nursing students has really become a labor of love, and a true joy. Being able to share my knowledge with those who are truly eager to learn is an experience I truly treasure.

Anaba Rowland, General Education Instructor

My name is Rowland Anaba, PhD. I am originally from Nigeria which is on the West coast of Africa. I am the first son and the first born of my parents, the late Nze Benson Eche and late Mrs. Mercy Anaba. My parents were principals of an elementary school for forty years. I did my elementary and high school in Nigeria. My undergraduate, graduate and post graduate education were all done here in the United States. While in Nigeria, I was a star athlete. I ran track and field events. I ran 100,220, 440 yards and relay race for which I earned many certificates and medals. I also played soccer from the age of four years until I was 40 years old. I played professional soccer for 16 years and scored many goals. I played outside right in the offense or what you would call wide receiver. This was because I was a fast runner. I started a soccer program at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in Huntsville-Normal Alabama in 1957. In 1977, the University won the NCAA championship cup in soccer. I have coached little league soccer and youth and middle age soccer in the city of Columbus, Ohio. In 1993, my little league soccer team won the City’s little league championship. I am an ardent Christian and also a Deacon in my church. My hobbies are as follows: reading novels, singing Christian songs, playing soccer, table tennis also called ping pong, lawn tennis and dancing. I am excited to be here at Fortis College, and that is why I took the opportunity to help the students here when the Dean of Education offered me the opportunity. I am also here to give back to my community.
DON’T FORGET TO LAUGH!!!

LOVE IS IN THE AIR,
OR IS THAT BACON?

Best wishes for a
Merry Christmas
& a prosperous
New Year!

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