VISIT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE
-- Josh White, School President

Ohio State Representative, Rick Carfagna visited Fortis College-Columbus on March 11th. He toured our campus, stepped into classrooms and talked to students and faculty. Rep Carfagna was very impressed with everyone he was able to come in contact with during his tour.

A special thanks to Susan Litten and Jenny Long from Rad Tech, Sheila Bratcher, Melissa Gingerich, and Jerad Claytor from Surg Tech, Bobbi Novak from Nursing, and Jim Caskey from HVAC-R.

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
-- Susan Litten, Director of Radiologic Technology

The Radiologic Technology Program has undergone a major renovation since the last half of last year!

Our greatest accomplishment was the 100% Passing Rate for our 11 seniors. Everyone passed their ARRT Registry Exam on their first attempt!

Also, all of the seniors had a 100% Job Placement Rate as all got hired after graduation! This certainly has brought Fortis College Radiologic Technology Program some notoriety in the community.

We also had a first--of-its-kind here at Fortis College and in the immediate region. We hosted a student-mixer inviting all the surrounding colleges to attend in hopes of mixing with students, advisors and others. Our goals were to recognize Fortis College by hosting and to blend the student potential that will be entering the soon-to-be workforce in the radiology field. The event was a success, and we were asked if we will have it next year as well. A senior student representative for the OSRT, Allison Hermance-Moore, led the mixer and did a fantastic job organizing the event with advising from the program.

In the late part of the year we also learned that we have another student representative for the OSRT. Aline Carter will be the next representative from Fortis to the organization. We are excited to host and organize new events as the program grows in the future.
In March, we held a two-day seminar event for radiology tech students graduating this year in order to help prepare them for the ARRT Boards. This event is being sponsored by Kettering in Dayton, and there are currently no seminars in Ohio for this type of thing. Fortis College was approached and offered to host the event.

We have a new graduating class of ten seniors coming up in May that we are so eager and excited to prepare for the Radiological technology field!

**CAREER SERVICES**

-- Kaiser Jones, Director of Career Services

We continue to have regular Meet & Eats on campus for all of the programs. The purpose of this event is to showcase our employer partners in the community. It also gives our students the opportunity to learn about the various jobs opportunities within their targeted fields while they enjoy yummy pizza.

Last month’s focus was on the HVAC program, and Lennox was the featured employer. Lennox Heritage began in 1895 with the introduction of the world first riveted steel furnace. Lennox focuses on delivering on the value of trust, innovation and top quality. These values can be seen in every product that they manufacture today, and they truly stand behind their products.

Fortis College is currently in the process of solidifying an active partnership with Lennox that could potentially be a model for other future HVAC partnerships.

Fortis College Career Service percentage for 2017-2018 was 77%. In the current year, we have 87 students placed at and overall rate of 41% which up over 15% from last year.

**FINANCIAL AID**

-- Deidre Vance, Director of Financial Aid

**FAFSA Deadline Passed**


If you have not completed yours, you may not receive Federal financial assistance and may need to set up cash payments. See Financial Aid for the detail!

**Student Workers** (Federal Work Study)

We are continually hiring for student workers as positions become available. If you are interested, you can fill out a work study application in the financial aid office. We will hold your application until a position becomes available. You have to be financially eligible to apply. Eligibility is determined by your FAFSA information.
Famous Financial Aid Buzz words

There are specific words in financial aid that you hear that requires some type of action on your part. Can you match the word to the meaning? See how well you know and understand your financial aid.

Match the words between the two groups

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1. The excess amount received in a check after tuition and fees are paid for a given term.
2. The government asks you to confirm the information put on the FAFSA by completed
3. Free Application for Federal Student Aid
4. When the Central Processing Unit of the Dept of Ed determines how much you qualify for in T4 funding
5. The students estimated financial plan changes from the original plan to cover unanticipated future events

(Answers: a. 4; b. 5; c. 2; d. 3; e. 1)

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

-- Angela Miller, Director of the Student Success Center

The Student Success Center now has a “ring all” number at extension 5303. This will direct your call to all of our desk phones, so that whoever is available can pick up. All unanswered calls will default to my voicemail. Our individual extensions will remain the same. Hopefully this makes things easier on everyone!

Karl Federspiel- 5323;
Angi Miller- 5306

Student Tutoring Schedule

ESL Assistance
For ESL students to enhance their conversational skills in English, meet with Karl Federspiel at the Student Success Center on the following schedule:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 4:00pm-5:00pm.

Human Nutrition Assistance
Karl Federspiel and Angi Miller will meet with students at the Student Success Center on the following schedule:
Mondays, 2:30pm-3:30pm & 4pm-5pm
Tuesdays, 1pm-2pm
Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Math Assistance
Need help on Math? Meet with Tom Neuzil
Tuesdays in Room 220
3:30pm – 5:30pm, 6pm - 8pm
Thursdays in Room 206
12:30pm – 2:30pm, 3pm – 5pm
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

--Laura Cheng, LRC Manager

Students are required to bring their flash drives to save documents while working on LRC computers. If a student doesn’t own a flash drive, he/she is also encouraged to use Google Drive to save their documents. All LRC computers have been upgraded to Windows 10 Operation System!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

March

Augustina Bowman
Augustina is an extremely smiling student in the Nursing program who will be graduating this June. Augustina started her education at Bowling Green State in International Business, but she never felt like that was what she was meant to do. A few years ago, though, she was involved in a serious car accident. This accident put her in the hospital where she remembers feeling so safe. That safe feeling the hospital provided her in a crisis is what made Augustina feel like she wanted to be a nurse. The end goal she has is to receive her PhD in Biochemistry from Johns Hopkins University.

Augustina’s favorite part of being a student at Fortis is the supportive staff. She said that she has never had an issue with getting the help she needs or having an instructor spend extra time with her explaining material. Her two favorite courses she’s taken are A&P II with Peter Falzarano and Med Surg I with Jessica Smallenbarger.

She was chosen as student of the month because of her willingness to help her classmates understand material that they struggle with in class. You can often find Augustina in an open classroom writing concepts on the white board to help her friends. She also says that doing this for others helps her know the information better.

Augustina doesn’t have a lot of free time because she is often on campus for twelve or more hours a day. However, her way to unwind is spending time with her two-year-old daughter.

Her advice to new students at Fortis is that they need to realize that going to school requires a lot of work, time management, and setting priorities for life. But if you can “maintain motivation and look to where this is leading you in life” you’ll be setting yourself up for success.

April

Michele Towns
Michele is a student who returned to the Medical Assisting with Basic X-Ray Operation (MABXO) program in Spring 2018. She came to Fortis wanting to start a career that could create a future for her children. Her long term goal is to return to the nursing program and eventually become a nurse practitioner.

Michele works at a daycare while attending school. During her free time, she loves spending time with her two daughters and going fishing. But most of all, she loves catching up on sleep!
Michele’s favorite part of Fortis is all of the hands-on work in the classes and how the instructors are willing to work with their students. Her advice to new students is to focus on school and be positive and determined—“keep your eye on the prize!” Michele always comes to class with a smile and a positive attitude, both of which are contagious. She frequently helps other students with a ride to or from class, or provides words of encouragement when a classmate is feeling down. Michele is a great example of success through determination.

She recently passed her CCMA exam, and we are proud to have her as a member of the Fortis College community. Congratulations, Michele!

**FACULTY/STAFF OF THE MONTH**

**March**
**Tyler Stanford**
Tyler has been teaching with us for just over two years. The minute he walked onto campus for his interview, he showed an enthusiastic attitude. He has one of the upbeat walks you can hear through the halls, and when you hear it, you know he is working hard for our students. Tyler has spent extra time helping students with information they’ve struggle understanding. He’s come up with new ways to look at dosage calculation formulas. And he has taught any course in which there was a need, including an anatomy course. We so appreciate Tyler’s commitment to our students!

**Emily Lowe**
Emily began working in the business office in September 2016. Immediately, her upbeat personality and willingness to do anything stood out. Emily understands the needs of every single department and employee on campus and works hard to make sure everyone has what they need. When it seems like an impossible job, you will hear the unmistakable laugh of Emily coming down the hall. Not only does Emily ensure our employees are taken care of, but she also works hard to make sure our students have the books and supplies they need each and every term. We are so lucky to have Emily Lowe a part of our Fortis Columbus team!

**April**
**Tom Neuzil**
Tom began working at Fortis in July 2013. He came to us with an extensive background in proprietary schools. His focus on student success is clear in everything he does. From tutoring prospective students to holding math labs to meeting one-on-one with students who are struggling, Tom is always will to step in and help. Tom’s commitment to this campus goes beyond the students. He has stepped in with Career Services and the Student Success Center when they have needed help. He also works on catalog revisions. We appreciate Tom’s loyalty to Fortis and feel very lucky to have him!

**Crystal Johnson**
Crystal came to Fortis in October 2016 after working for years in the medical field. One day, she was driving by the school and called to see about the possibility of teaching here. The rest is history! She dove in head first from the first day. Crystal does anything she can to make sure our students enter the careers they came her to begin. In addition to her commitment to students, Crystal is also very invested in assisting her coworkers with anything. From new faculty to CPR organization, she will do whatever it takes to help make Fortis the best it can be. Thanks, Crystal, for all you do!

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STUDY TIPS
The Cornell Note-taking System
(http://lsc.cornell.edu/notes.html)

1. **Record**: During the lecture, use the note-taking column to record the lecture using telegraphic sentences.
2. **Questions**: As soon after class as possible, formulate questions based on the notes in the right-hand column. Writing questions helps to clarify meanings, reveal relationships, establish continuity, and strengthen memory. Also, the writing of questions sets up a perfect stage for exam-studying later.
3. **Recite**: Cover the note-taking column with a sheet of paper. Then, looking at the questions or cue-words in the question and cue column only, say aloud, in your own words, the answers to the questions, facts, or ideas indicated by the cue-words.
4. **Reflect on** the material by asking yourself questions, for example:
   “What’s the significance of these facts? What principle are they based on?
   How can I apply them? How do they fit in with what I already know?
5. **Review**: Spend at least ten minutes every week reviewing all your previous notes. If you do, you’ll retain a great deal for current use, as well as, for the exam.

NEW FACULTY /STAFF
Karl Federspiel
Karl started his career in education over 25 years ago as a football coach at Lake Forest Academy in suburban Chicago and has had notable teaching stops at Fresno State, Ohio University, and as a Peace Corps volunteer in the rugged mountains of the Philippines. In the four years prior to coming to Fortis College, he served the dual role of Program Director for General Education and LRC Coordinator at Daymar College where his responsibilities there primarily focused on student success, including all academic tutoring and advising to at-risk students.

Karl’s educational background is heavy in the liberal arts with an MA in English from Fresno State, a BA in English from The Ohio State University, and a BA in History from Miami University. He lives in Athens and spends his spare time watching his daughter compete in high school basketball and volleyball. Karl looks forward to
joining the team at Fortis and helping students achieve their educational goals.

**Trei’Von Daniels**
Mr. Trei’Von Daniels is our new full-time Career Services Representative here at Fortis College.

He earned his Bachelors of Arts from Benedictine College in 2010. He has two years of experience in Career Services and four years in Admissions.

Mr. Daniels has a passion for basketball and education. In his free time, he enjoys coaching youth basketball and spending time with his family. Trei’Von will be working with the MA/MABXO and HVAC students.

**Courtney Gavin**
Ms. Gavin is a PA native with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Her background includes facilitating career development courses and providing career consulting to individuals interested in pursuing careers in healthcare. Courtney enjoys fashion and also does freelance modeling. Courtney will focus on helping our nurses will employment! Stop by and say hello!

**HVAC-R**
Edward Shell  
Amber Poudel  
Semereab Mebrahtu  
Tika Bhattarai  
Yadav Adhikari  
Lyes Idiri  
James Wimberly  
Alonzo Edmonds Jr  
Mitchell Imblum  
Karna Monger  
Andy Signor  
Daniqua Moore  
Cody Walton  
Michael Blackburn  
Corey Grennell  
Edward Johnson  
Ryan Lee  
Jeremiah Morrison  
Jon Cave

**Medical Assisting**
Jit Bhattarai  
Kamala Bhattarai  
Tamitha Osorio  
Falastein Suliman  
Shania Tuckosh  
Asli Guta  
Kassidy Hasenmeier  
Marissa White  
Kristina Martin  
Nancy Picacho-Reyes  
Sophia Redmon  
Fadumo Abdallah  
Cathy Wears  
Kayla Blankenship  
Freddricka Crum  
Maryam Hijazin  
Farah Mohamed  
Ramla Mohamed  
Hafsa Omar  
Jazeonia Edwards  
Timothy Graham  
Te’sha Scott Campbell  
Nichole Walton  
Jodee Maynard  
Swastika Gurung  
Munira Mire  
Jordan Stevens  
Alexis Bell  
Aisha Farah  
Dewaki Khanal  
Queen Munford  
Babyta Neupane  
Sunita Subba  
Hannah McDaniel  
Kelley Feagin  
Kadiatou Balde

**PRESIDENT’S LISTS**

**Nursing**
Philip Adu-Adjei  
Daniel AmpomahAnto  
Bethany Tipple  
Amy Ryan  
Lindsay Reed  
Lisa Rogers  
Madihu Neupane

**Congrats**
Medical Assisting with Basic X-Ray Operation
Aisha Abshir            Paige Felker
Lakenya Broomfield     Cynthia Childs
Kaysian Campbell       Saleban Warsame
Telor M. Evans          Victor Giron
Johanny Vilchez         Jeannae Love
Michele L. Towns        Batool Hijazin
Rose McWilliams        Jared Dean
Morgan Perry            Mykel Jones
Heather Warburton       Jazmyn Stephens
Nia Egers

Medical Billing and Coding
Julia McCormick        Rebecca Hulls
Marshelle L. Layne     Tara Bey
Patricia DeVore

Radiologic Technology
Allison J. Hermance-Moore

Surgical Technology
Kyla Lett              Anthony Fortunato
Mary Lyons             Nasro Omar
Courtney Mullins

DON’T FORGET TO LAUGH!!

Never let an angry sister comb your hair.

YOU ROCK!

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