ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

The Fortis College – Columbus accepted the challenge from our sister campus, Ravenna and had the event on Friday, September 12, 2014. We would like to nominate Centerville campus as our challenge candidate.

The participants included: Peter Martinello, Campus President; Alisa Handmaker, Career Services Advisor; Robin Hutchinson, Externship Coordinator; Ron Mills, Director of Education; Eva Reda, Registrar; Angela LeuVoy, MA/MBC/MOBXT Program Director; Josh White, Director of Admissions; Carol Bender, Business Office Manager; Jo Woods, MOBXT Instructor; and Rachel Watkins, A.D.N. Nursing Student. The Columbus campus was cheered on by students from the Allied Health and Nursing programs, faculty, staff, and administration. Go Team Fortis!

(Check out the school’s Facebook page for the video at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fortis-College-Columbus/161285080590976)

What is ALS?

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

Ice Bucket Challenge

Pete Frates can no longer speak. But in the last two and a half weeks, a video posted on Facebook by Mr. Frates, a 29-year-old former college baseball player, has inspired people like Bill Gates, LeBron James, Chris Christie and Taylor Swift to dump a bucket of ice on their heads and speak out for his cause.

The “Ice Bucket Challenge” has lit social media on fire, raising both money and awareness for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. About 30,000 Americans now have the disease, which attacks nerve cells and ultimately leads to total paralysis, though the mind remains sharp. Life expectancy is typically two to five years from the time of diagnosis.

The stunt goes like this: People make a video of themselves dumping a bucket of ice water on their heads, post it on Facebook, Instagram or other social media sites, and then challenge friends to do the same within 24 hours or donate $100 to ALS. (Many do both.)

(Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/18/business/ice-bucket-challenge-has-raised-millions-for-als-association.html?_r=0)

HVAC&R PROGRAM
-- Lowell Ford, Program Director

We are at 25!!! Yes, 25 students. The senior students took a field trip to see how their skills are going to fit into the real world. They are thrilled to graduate and get started on their career paths!

Night courses are now being offered to students. The program is growing by leaps and bounds! The future is bright for the program and for the graduates!

A big thank you goes out to the students, instructors, Admissions team, and our Campus Director for their part in ensuring the growth and success of the program!

FINANCIAL AID
-- Deidre Vance, Director of Financial Aid

2014-15 FAFSA
By now every student should have completed their 2014-15 FAFSA. The Financial Aid Dept has been contacting any student whose FAFSA was selected for verification by the U.S. Dept of Ed.

What is verification? I am so glad that you asked that question....... 30% of all FAFSA submissions to the U.S. Dept of Education will be selected to have certain data elements on the FAFSA verified. In some cases, you may be asked to provide a copy of
your 2013 Tax Transcript unless you have used the IRS Data Retrieval link when completing the Income section of the FAFSA. Other data elements must require documentation include:

1. Paid Child Support
2. Proof of High School graduation
3. Valid Government-Issued ID
4. Number of people in Household

Whatever data elements that need verification, they all require that the student complete a Verification Worksheet. The worksheets must be completed, signed and turned in to The Financial Aid Department to continue processing of aid. If you have not receive any disbursements from the 2014-15 award year, please stop by or contact the financial aid office to see if you may need to provide additional documentation.

CAREER SERVICES CORNER
-- Marlene Teed, Director of Career Services
-- Alisa Handmaker, Career Services Advisor

Summer Career Fair

Career Services held its Summer 2014 Career Fair in June. For the first time, we were able to hold this career fair in a large space in the building. Due to this large area being made available, we were able to have our 20 employers in one room. The feedback from employers and our students and graduates was very positive. Everyone really liked how the tables were spread out and there was a lot of room to walk around. We even had available tables for candidates to fill out applications on the spot.

This career fair was very successful in that many employers scheduled interviews with candidates for available positions. We even had some candidates who gave photocopies of their drivers licenses to have their paperwork started for positions that were immediately available.

FALL 2014 CAREER FAIR

Fortis College-Columbus cordially invites you to participate in our upcoming Career Fair on the Fortis College-Columbus Campus.

Thursday, October 16
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Even if current students are not seeking employment at this time, eventually they will be and it is great practice to talk with employers, begin networking, and being able to see the opportunities that are out there. It is a fabulous learning experience.

Every class who attended the career fair benefitted by being able to practice talking with employers and being able to see what types of positions are
available. When reading feedback from the students, they shared that it is definitely beneficial to attend, even if you are not yet looking for a job.

We welcome and encourage every student, graduate, and staff member to attend every career fair that is made available here. We can guarantee you will benefit and learn something with each opportunity. And the food and snacks aren’t bad either! -- Alisa

10 Things All Job Seekers Should Know about Employment Background Checks (part 1)
March 12th, 2010 by Andrew Kucheriavy

With a wide variety of services offering instant and affordable background checks, running background checks on job applicants is becoming a standard procedure in many companies. While employers are being cautious, job applicants fear that employers can dig into their past that has nothing to do with the job. Some are just uncomfortable with an idea of someone poking around in their personal history.

We have recently written an article about credit checks on job candidates. Because of the overwhelming response from our readers, we decided to expand into the area of background checks to cover the most important things that any jobs seeker needs to know:

1. Why do employers do background checks?

Employers do background checks to protect themselves from potential lawsuits and liabilities. Recent increases in negligent hiring lawsuits, identify thefts, misrepresentation or inflated information on resumes, and tightened security, all prompt employers to vigorously screen job seekers for potential problems or liabilities. Also, federal and state laws require backgrounds checks for certain jobs (, for anyone who works with children, the elderly, or disabled, for example)
2. How are background checks done?

There are many companies specializing in background checks, ranging from online data brokers to agencies specializing in employment screening, and even private investigators. Many larger companies have established relationships with employment screening firms and use them from background checks for all their applicants. Smaller firms tend to use online services and data brokers (as they tend to be less expensive). Chances are, it you apply for a job at a larger firm, they are more likely to do a scrupulous background check on you when compared to a smaller firm. It is also important to keep in mind that many companies are not going to be necessarily in compliance with all laws and regulations listed in this article. Unfortunately, they are very difficult to enforce and it is almost impossible to prove a potential employer of any wrongdoing.

3. What is included in a background check?

It depends on how the background check is conducted and the source of the information. A lot of this information is public domain: some can be easily obtained by anyone; other comes from internal databases and proprietary sources. In any case, there are many commercial services that offer detailed background checks with information from multiple sources. The information that can be found through a common background check can include but is not limited to:

1. Driving Records & Vehicle Registration
2. Credit Records
3. Criminal Records
4. Social Security Number
5. Education Records
6. Court Records
7. Workers’ Compensation Records
8. Bankruptcy & Debt Records
9. Personal & Character References
10. Neighbor Interviews
11. Medical Records
12. Property Ownership
13. Military records
14. State Licensing Records
15. Drug Test Results
16. Past Employment
17. Incarceration records
18. Sex Offender Lists

4. What cannot be included in a background check?

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) sets time limits on what can’t be included in a background checks past a certain timeframe:

1. Ten (10) years for bankruptcy records
2. Seven (7) years for the following:
   1. Civil suits or civil judgments
   2. Accounts placed for collection
   3. Tax liens
   4. Records of arrest
   5. Any other negative information (except criminal convictions)
Unfortunately, there are exceptions. This law only applies to external agencies hired to perform background checks, which means that the employer can collect this information on their own in house. Finally, the law doesn’t prohibit employers from asking for this information.

Some state laws may offer additional protection. You can inquire with your local state’s EEO office for more information.

5. What information requires my permission before it can be released?

There is some information that requires your permission (under FRCA) before employers may obtain it. Such information includes:

1. Medical Records generally require your permission to obtain. However, if employers require physical examinations, they will have access to your medical history.
2. Education records (including school transcripts, recommendations, discipline and financial records) may not be released by schools without your approval.
3. Military Service Records are confidential but some information (name, rank, salary, awards and duty assignments) may be released under Freedom of Information Act, and without your consent.

(To be continued to next issue of Fortis Flame...)

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
– by Laura Cheng, LRC Manager

Learning Resource Centers across campuses offer instant message service on the LRC website. If you have any question but cannot come to the library or make a phone call, please submit your question on the LRC website. The LRC Manager or Technician who is on line will respond your question immediately. If nobody is available at the moment, we will contact you via email as soon as possible.

Have a Question? We are here to help!

You can also reach us by calling the LRC. For IM chat click on the AskUs button.

Please state your location/campus in the email.

Ask Us a Question

Please give an e-mail address so we know where to send your answer. We will not share it.

Your Question

Question:

More Detail Explanation:

Your Info

Email:

We are here to help! MTeed@FortisCollege.edu / AHandmaker@FortisCollege.edu / 614-882-2551
FORTIS NURSING STUDENTS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

**Physical**
- Student must provide Medical Clearance within the last year

**MMR**
- **Yes**
  - Student is compliant for MMR
- **No**
  - Student receives MMR #1

**Varicella**
- **Yes**
  - Student is compliant for Varicella
- **No**
  - Student receives Varicella #1

**TB/PPD**
- **Yes**
  - Student is compliant for TB.
- **No**
  - Student must obtain a 2-Step Mantoux
    - **Step 1 placed**
    - **Step 1 read 48-72 hrs after placed**
    - **Step 2 placed 7-14 days after Step 1 placed**
    - **Step 2 read 48-72 hrs after placed**

**Tetanus**
- **Student must have a one-time Tdap, with Td boosters every 10 years.**

**Hep B**
- **Yes**
  - Student is compliant for Hepatitis B
- **No**
  - Student receives Hep B #1
    - **30 days after #1, student receives Hep B #2**
    - **5 months after #2, student receives Hep B #3**
    - **1 month after #3, student receives Hepatitis B Titers**

**Flu Shot**
- Student must receive one flu vaccine annually

**NOTE:**
- Students must be immune to Measles (Rubella), Mumps, and Rubella to be considered compliant. 
- Titers must be “IGG” and not “IGM”.

**NOTE:**
- History of Chicken Pox does not constitute positive titer.
- Titers may say “Varicella Zoster” or “VZV”.
- Titers must be “IGG” and not “IGM”.

**NOTE:**
- If any TB test returns as positive, student must provide Chest X-Ray (CXR) showing no signs of active tuberculosis.

**NOTE:**
- If student still not immune after repeated series, student will not seroconvert, but is considered compliant with Hepatitis B.
**IT TRICKS & TIPS**

Take a screen capture (print your screen)
(Source: http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/take-screen-capture-print-screen#take-screen-capture-print-screen=windows-8)

Sometimes it's simpler to show someone what's on your screen than it is to explain it. Windows lets you take a picture of the screen so you can save, print, or share what you see. This is referred to as taking a screenshot or screen capture.

You can take a screenshot and automatically save it as a file, take a screenshot without saving it as a file, or take a screenshot of only one window (instead of the whole screen).

**To take a screenshot and save it as a file**

Press the Windows logo key + PrtScn. Or, if you're using a tablet, press the Windows logo button + the volume down button.

The screen will dim for a moment when the screen is copied and saved as a file in the Screenshots folder (which is in your Pictures folder).

(The Screenshots folder)

**To take a screenshot (without saving it)**

Press PrtScn.

A picture of the screen is copied and you can paste it wherever you'd like.

**To take a screenshot of only one window**

1. Tap or click the window you want to capture.
2. Press Alt+PrtScn.

A picture of the window is copied and you can paste it wherever you'd like.

**Notes**

- On some keyboards, PrtScn might appear as PrtSc or a similar abbreviation.
- Certain laptops and other devices don't have a PrtScn key or might use a different key combination to take screenshots. Check the manual that came with your laptop or device for more info.

---

**STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

The student Success Center is open now. The purpose is to offer tutoring in study skills and time management, as well as to connect you to instructors who provide tutoring in your courses' subject matters.

- In each of your courses, your instructor will refer you to the Center if he/she believes you might benefit from additional tutoring outside of his/her own personal efforts.
- If you believe you need tutoring, you may contact the Center for tutoring services.

The Center is located on the 2nd floor next to the West Entrance elevators. The Center is open on Monday – Thursday, 1 pm – 6 pm.

Contact Dr. Scott Mullins at smullins@edaff.com or 614-882-2551 ext. 5224.

Tutoring in dosage calculations and/or mathematics is available at the Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 4 pm – 6 pm.
MEET THE NEW PEOPLE

- **New Staff**

  **Carol Bender – Business Office Manager**

  Carol Bender is a graduate of Columbus State Community College and has over 25 years of experience in Office Management, Human Resource Administration, Benefits Administration and Administrative. I recently came from Manta Media Inc. where I spent the last 10 years.

  I live in Lewis Center, Ohio and have been married to my husband for 14 years and have a 10 year old daughter. I come from a very large family of 8 brothers and sisters and have lived in Columbus my entire life.

  I love going to the beach, spending time with family and friends. I love animals, shopping and chocolate. (I am probably the worst junk food junkie.)

  Everyone at Fortis has been so welcoming and I am really looking forward to working here.

  **Lindsay Coy – Business Office Administrator**

  Lindsay Coy is our Business Office Administrator. Her hobbies include reading, writing, spending time with her children, and being active in her church. Ms. Coy is responsible for the campus bookstore and the college payroll. She is happy to assist students and staff with questions or concerns in other areas.

  **Deniesha Newby – Financial Aid Administrator**

  Cheri Burwell, Financial Aid Administrator has been out on extended medical leave. While she is out, the financial aid staff welcomed Deniesha Newby who will be filling in for her until Cheri is able to return. Deniesha has worked in financial aid since 2000 at Ohio State and most recently served as a Financial Aid Counselor, Counselor Staff Assistant, Program Coordinator and then a brief stint as Interim Director of Financial Aid all with the College of Medicine at Ohio State.

  She has been working primarily with new students; however, she has made contact with current students to assist in getting all verification documents processed.

  **Moses Moiba -- Facility Maintenance**

  Mr. Moiba has been working as a care giver at various facilities including Goodwill. He is HVAC& R certified.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
– Fall 2014 Commencement

♦ President’s List (4.0 GPA)
  • Medical Assisting
    Kaci Matheny

♦ Dean’S List (3.70-3.99 GPA)
  • Registered Nursing
    Fatimata Dia, Jeremy A. Gilbey, Olexiy Gonchar, Ashley C. Koh, Paula Leist, Adedolapo Opeseitan
  • Practical Nursing
    Amber Elliott
  • Surgical Technologist
    Taylor Bartley, Molly Moles
  • Medical Business & Clinical Specialist
    Melinda Hobbs
  • Medical Assisting
    Erica S. Chestnut, Samantha J. Cormican, Tiffany McGrath, Stephanie Smith
  • Medical Office Basic X-Ray Technician
    Katarina Najman, Ashleigh B. Columbro, Celia Cox, Selena Flowers, Ashley Grega, Joy A. Johnson, Michelle Sturgil, Nicole Swank
  • Pharmacy Technology
    Edem K. Epy

♦ National Technical Honor Society Members
  • Practical Nursing
    Natasha Stevens
  • Surgical Technologist
    Molly Moles

♦ Valedictorian
  • Registered Nursing
    Olexiy Gonchar

DON’T FORGOT TO LAUGH!!!

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Happy Halloween

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Fortis College – Columbus, 4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 120, Westerville, OH 43081
Phone: 614-882-2551; Fax: 614-882-2914

Comments? Contact:
Laura Cheng, LRC Manager
lcheng@fortiscollege.edu

Marlene Teed, Director of Career Services
mteed@fortiscollege.edu