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Upcoming Board Meetings

All are invited to attend

- October 2, 2007
- December 4, 2007
- January 8, 2008
- February 12, 2008
- March 4, 2008
- April 1, 2008
- May 6, 2008
- June 3, 2008

Meetings are held in the Upstairs Board Room at the College and begin at 6:00 p.m.

2007 Events

- 10/4/07 Fall Social at Superior Grill
- 10/17/07 Respiratory Care Day
- 10/18/07 Fall Social on the Northshore

Alumni President



Have you ever dreamed of a career that is rewarding, challenging, offers excellent pay, and also makes a positive impact on other people's lives? If so, a degree in Health Sciences from Our Lady of Holy Cross College is definitely one for you.

Hi, my name is Keith Taranto and I am currently serving as President of the OLHCC Alumni Association. I graduated in December of 2001 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care. When I was deciding which degree to pursue in college, the Respiratory Care curriculum really appealed to me. The first things that caught my attention were the college's affiliation with the Ochsner School of Allied Health Sciences Program and the time spent in clinical study at Ochsner hospital before graduation. Ochsner is a very prestigious hospital and is best known for its high-quality health care and patient services. The hands-on training and instruction given at the hospital during the final semesters of the Respiratory Care Program assured me that I would be well prepared to start my career upon graduating. The program has a 100% pass rate on the National Entry-Level Exam and a 100% employment rate.

When making my final decision to pursue Respiratory Therapy as a career, I was visited several times on the college campus by Ochsner instructors. They explained to me in detail exactly what to expect during my last semesters of the program. I also received thorough information and advice

- 11/5-11/8 Annual Giving Drive
- 11/15/07 Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

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Alumni Board Members

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- Blaine Nielsen-SGA Representative
- Steve Nielsen ('98)
- Jeanne Noggerath ('03)
- Christy Read ('97) Annual Giving Co-Chair
- Tara Centanni Reese ('97 & '06) Emerita
- Mary Zeringue ('03)

Mission Statement

from my faculty advisor about the classes I had to complete in my Respiratory Care curriculum both at OLHCC and in the Ochsner program. In my prerequisite classes taken at the college, I was given the basic tools and knowledge to allow me to be successful in the clinical phase of the program. During my semesters of clinical study, I was able to learn and deal with patients directly which gave me a true feel of the work and responsibility of a Respiratory Therapist.

After finishing my degree requirements in December of 2001, I had a smooth transition into the workforce. I did not have to worry about making a resume and going on interviews like the other graduating seniors. I already had an established job and good relationships with the other therapists and hospital staff I would be working with in my field. At the present time, I am expected to work twelve hour shifts and on some weekends and holidays at the hospital, but I enjoy having days off during the week to do some extracurricular activities. And when I do work on holidays, weekends, or pick up an occasional night shift, I am paid nice differentials as an incentive.

As a Respiratory Therapist, I provide hands-on care that helps people recover from a wide range of medical conditions. Respiratory therapists are found working in intensive care units managing ventilators, in emergency rooms, newborn and pediatric units, home care, and sleep laboratories. Respiratory Care professionals can also work in management, education, and air transport programs. Some therapists have established home care and diagnostic companies.

I feel that the most rewarding aspect of being a Respiratory Therapist is seeing the smiles on patients' faces when they are feeling better, the gratitude shown by their family members, and just knowing that I am making a great difference in the local community as well as the community as a whole.

If you would like more information about Respiratory Therapy, please attend the Respiratory Care Day at Our Lady of Holy Cross College on October 17, 2007. You may also call the Program Director at (504) 842-3736.

Keith Taranto ('01)
Alumni Association President

Back To School Week

The Alumni Association sponsored a barbecue on Wednesday, August 29th, for our OLHCC students.

We, as the Alumni Association of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, seek to serve as active volunteers, and community leaders dedicated to encouraging continual involvement by facilitating the efforts of our Alumni, the missions of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and the Ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross.

We were blessed with pleasant weather and delicious food!



Recruiting Events

Our Lady of Holy Cross College is recruiting at a school near you! If you would like to assist in any of our recruiting events, please contact Mr. Randy Bourg ('07) at 504.398.2240 or Ms. Becky Kientz ('06) at 504.398.2238. All Fall recruiting dates, times, and locations are attached to this newsletter.

Counseling Center

Did you know that the Counseling Center offers...

- Anxiety Management support;
- Women in Transition help;
- Perfection Trap counseling;

If you are interested in any of the following, please contact Mrs. Susan Wetweski at 504.398.2168.

Book Signing

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a book signing on Sunday, September 30th, at 2:00 p.m. in the

Moreau Center. A reception will follow.

Mr. Earl J. Higgins will be in attendance to sign his book "The Joy of Y' At Catholicism."

R.S.V.P. to Sister Helen Fontenot at 504.398.2100.

Superior Grill

The 2007 Fall Alumni Southshore Social will be held on **Thursday, October 4th at Superior Grill**. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m.

Please join us for some **free** food, fun, and fellowship.

Cash bar will be available.

R.S.V.P. to Chris Rholdon at 504.398.2279 or crholdon@lhcc.edu.

Northshore Social

Come join us for our Northshore Fall Alumni Social on **Thursday, October 18th**. The event will be held at **Calypso Patio Bar & Grill** which is located at 326 Lee Lane in Covington.

There will be free food and a cash bar available.

R.S.V.P to Chris Rholdon at 504.398.2279 or crholdon@lhcc.edu.

Prayer Breakfast

The Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast will be held at Our Lady of Holy Cross College on November 15th at 7:30 a.m.

This year's keynote speaker is Mr. Rod West, C.E.O. of Entergy New Orleans.

If you are interested in sponsoring a table or reserving a seat, please contact Mrs. Pam Lopez at 504.398.2206 or

plopez@lhcc.edu.

Tickets are \$50 per person, a table of 8 costs \$400, President's Club Sponsor \$1,000, Saint Croix Sponsor \$2,500, and Spes Unica Sponsor \$5,000.

Thank you for your support!

Alumni Advertising

Are you a graduate of the College? Would you like to advertise your business on the Alumni E Newsletter? If so, please email Chris Rholdon at crholdon@lhcc.edu.

Congratulations

Mr. Michael Casanova ('04) and Mrs. Shannon Effler Casanova ('03) recently announced their pregnancy.

Dr. Peter W. Gittens, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and History, successfully completed his second doctorate. This doctorate was earned at Christ Church College in Oxford, England.

Mrs. Maria Prout ('06) is the new principal at Boothville Venice Elementary.

Mrs. Shelly Ritz ('06) and Mrs. Patricia Haydel who finished her alternative certification from OLHCC are co-principals at Belle Chasse Primary.

Mr. Shawn Miller ('97) and wife Aubrey recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Leo.

Mrs. Jena Lopez Sullivan ('01) and husband Guy celebrated the birth of their first child on January 9th.

Mrs. Julie Lawson ('06) and husband Jonathan celebrated the birth of their first child, Jonathan Lawrence Lawson III, over the summer.

Mrs. Vickie Fisher ('98) and husband Kenneth wedded on April 28, 2007.

Mrs. Mary Tullier ('90) will be celebrating the birth of her grandchild in December.

Mr. Randy Harding ('98) and wife Nicole ('00) celebrated the birth of their child Sophie Isabella on April 27th.

Ms. Julie Cuber ('02 & '07) and Mr. Michael Breaux are engaged to be married on December 8, 2007.

Ms. Robin K. Letulle ('97) and Mr. John C. Lindsay recently celebrated their engagement.

Keep Us Informed

- Have you changed your address, phone number, and/or e-mail address recently? Please keep us informed by contacting Chris Rholdon at crholdon@olhcc.edu or 504.398.2279.
- Has anything happened in your life recently that you would like to share with the community? Marriages, confirmations, births, deaths, and other important news events are always accepted and appreciated. We hope you will participate so that everyone can share your news.

For more information or to be removed from the mailing list, send your request to crholdon@olhcc.edu.