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HSPS Becomes HS

The Health Sciences and Public Services has changed to the Health Sciences Division. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with, and will miss, our Public Service faculty and students in the Human Services and Criminal Justice programs as they move to their new division.



Farewell to the Director of Nursing Programs

Janet Boeckman plans her retirement

Since 1983, Janet Boeckman has been a member of the nursing program at North Central State College. She has held the positions of PN Faculty, PN Coordinator, ADN Faculty, Director of Nursing Programs, and most recently, the position of Human Services Chair. Now, she plans her retirement for June.



Faculty have recently shared their best memories and impressions of their interactions with Janet.

- “She’s a peach! I vastly admire Janet’s professionalism and balance that she has conveyed in her position. It is quite notable that when decisions have been made regarding some difficulty and challenging situations, Janet typically does not indicate the wearing effects of these situations, but always replies when asked how she is doing with, ‘Just peachy!’ Janet has been a wonderful and inspiring role model and leader in the position of Director of Nursing Programs and will be tremendously missed” - Carolyn Kaple, Associate Degree Nursing Faculty
- Janet is a hero, having helped our department get through some rough patches. Always professional, yet approachable, empathetic, and humorous. You will be missed.” - Denise Hendershott, Human Services Faculty
- “I get a huge smile on my face when I think of the many ‘Janetisms’ that I have heard throughout the past few years.” - Amy Welsh, Practical Nursing Faculty
- “I can just say a few of us faculty remember her as a nurse when we were students, and we were scared to death of her because she asked a lot of questions. Little did we know that one day we would be just like her, asking our students all those ‘hard’ questions!” - Kelly Gray, Associate Degree Nursing Faculty

When asked what Janet would miss the most after retirement, she replied, “Interacting with the faculty members and talking with prospective students.” After retirement, Janet and her husband plan to spend part of the year in Florida helping out with their triplet grandchildren, and their new grandbaby. The rest of the year, she plans to do some online teaching and perhaps some Nurse Practitioner clinical practice in Ohio. Around this already busy schedule, she also plans a lot of reading and the pursuit of a more healthy lifestyle.

The division wishes Janet all the best. She will be missed greatly by the faculty and staff of the Health Sciences Division.

Nursing Student Traverse High Water to Attend Clinical

An Associate Degree Nursing student suddenly found herself in high water as she traveled to their clinical class at Fisher Titus Medical Center in Norwalk in late February.

Melissa Kaple was stranded at the mercy of mother nature along with about a dozen other people who took refuge in the nearby BP station. They were later rescued with the assistance of a front loader. The story was published in the Mansfield News Journal, along with the above picture.



Nursing Accreditation Visit Successful

The Associate Degree Nursing program was recently visited by representatives of the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The visitors met with students, faculty, college administration, and clinical personal over a two day period.

The final report of the visitors had many compliments and only a few suggestions for improvement. The visitors will be recommending to the NLNAC a full eight-year accreditation renewal for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Thank you to the many people who contributed to the successful visit, and the faculty and staff for all their hard work.



Distinguished Healthcare Educator Healthcare Student of the Year



Congratulation to Jessica Snell, nursing student, and Lew Milner, biology faculty, both which were honored by the Visiting Nurse's Association.

Jessica Snell, who is also the president of the Student Nurse Association on campus, received the Distinguished Healthcare Student award. Lew Milner, who has been with North Central State College since 1978, received the Distinguished Healthcare Educator award.

Community awards are made annually by the Visiting Nurse's Association for various health professionals and individuals who contribute to the health needs of local residents.

Toy Time Donation

The second-year Radiological Sciences students (below) conducted another successful Toy Time drive throughout the months of November and December. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to help needy children have a happy holiday.



Donated Equipment Helps OTA Program

The students of the OTA program (below) show their appreciation for the recently donated equipment to the program. Thank you to Patty and Yanni Papatheodorou from Parma Heights for their generous donation of an electric wheel chair and mat table.



Announcements

Congratulations to Michelle Denny in her completion of a Masters degree in Nursing

Welcome to Kelley Robinette, the newest full-time faculty in the Respiratory Care program.

Congratulations to Dr. Daniel Covert for his new position as full-time faculty in the Bioscience department.