



Redbuds planted by college students bloom on the parking lot

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## May Commencement

College graduation will be held on Saturday, May 16th 2015 at La-Croix Church. Graduates should arrive no later than 9:00 am, and graduation ceremonies will begin at 10:00 am. Cheekwood Studios will be available at the church beginning at 8:30 am, if you wish to have graduation photos taken.

Professional attire is required for graduation. Students may wear open-toed shoes or sandals in white, brown,

black or other neutral color. Brightly colored shoes and flip-flops are not permitted.

A graduation banquet will be held on Thursday, May 14th at La-Croix Methodist Church. The banquet will honor all graduating students, and will include the presentation of honor cords and recognition of CAAP exam excellence.

Graduation practice will follow the banquet at LaCroix Methodist Church, 3102 Lexington Avenue.

Attendance at graduation is required by all students completing their studies in May. All students are invited to attend the ceremony and congratulate your fellow students. Family and friends are welcome and invited.



## Important Dates

**Graduation Banquet:** May 14th, LaCroix Methodist Church, 11 AM

**Graduation Rehearsal:** May 14th, LaCroix Church, after banquet

**Graduation Ceremony:** May 16th, LaCroix Church, graduates arrive at 9 AM, ceremony begins at 10 AM

## MENDY HAHS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On April 16m 2015, the Student Council recognized two students are recipients of the Mendy Hahs Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is given to recognize outstanding scholarship and leadership among students at the CONHS. Mrs. Hahs was a longtime staff member of the college, who was committed to the success of all it's student. Her cheerfulness and helpfulness are remembered by all who knew her.

The 2015 recipients of the Mendy Hahs Memorial Scholarship were Ashley Lucas and Susan Heisserer, nursing students. Mrs. Merlene Elliott, Mendy's mother, attended the reception to congratulate the recipi-



*Nursing students Ashley Lucas and Susan Heisserer accept the Mendy Hahs Memorial Scholarships from Mendy's mother, Mrs. Elliott. Brooks Hall, Student Council President, welcomes faculty, staff, and students to the reception.*

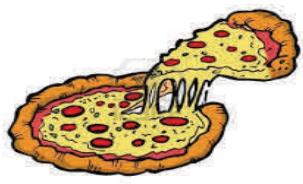


## Student Council Spring Fling!

On Thursday, April 16th, Student Council treated all students, faculty, and staff of the college to pizza and soda to celebrate the arrival (finally!) of Spring!

Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed pizza and soda while they visited with one another throughout the afternoon and evening. At the conclusion of the scholarship reception, officers held a brief Student Council meeting to discuss upcoming, end of year events.

Thanks to the Student Council officers who organized the event!



## Tree Planting for Earth Day

Wednesday, April 22 was the 45th annual recognition of "Earth Day." On this day each year, there is a worldwide focus on various environmental issues and conservation efforts. Students at the College, led by Dr. Brockett, have planted a tree for the past four years in joint recognition of Earth Day and spring graduation. The native Missouri redbuds line the main parking lot, providing enjoyment for those coming to the bank or to the college. Step outside on a pleasant spring day and enjoy their beautiful pink blooms!



## Honor Society

Beta Sigma Kappa chapter of Phi Theta Kappa met on April 30th for a special induction ceremony of the new Spring 2015 members. Induction is based on grade point average of 3.5 or higher with a minimum of 12 hours completed at this college. The new members inducted are as follows: Kory Bahner, Morgan Conrad, Danielle Davids, Danae Estes, Brandi Glastetter, Andrew Lane, Jessica Lornson, Kathryn Moss, Brooke Naeger, Brandon Presley, Lucas Ressel, and Laura Sitzes. The Ceremony was led by Katie Roth-President of PTK, Amanda Balsman -McCormick-Vice-president of PTK, and Susan Heisserer-Secretary of PTK.

New officers were elected for the Fall academic year. The new officers are as follows: President-Jessica Lornson, Vice-President-Gretchin Emrick, Treasurer-Ladonna Gilder, Secretary-Chelsea McCormick and Kenneth Baker. Congratulations to everyone!

Submitted by: Chelsea McCormick, PTK Secretary

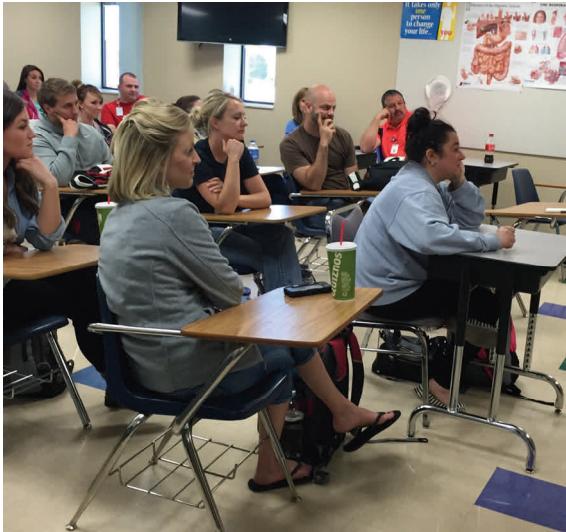


## Assessment Testing

On Friday April 3, 2015, students scheduled to graduate in May participated in college wide assessment testing. All graduating students took the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) exam, as well as participated in the college created Capstone project. Students were evaluated in several areas, including

communication, technology, ethics, and critical thinking.

Students reaching or exceeding benchmark standards will be recognized for their achievements at the graduation banquet, and will be entered in a drawing for a cash prize!



## Graduates speak about their first year!

On Thursday, April 23rd, a panel of recent graduates spoke to students about their experience after graduation. Three former students, Preston Midgett, Katie Tidwell, and Robyn Potts, spoke to students about their experience with the NCLEX exam, job interviews, and some of their experiences as new nurses. The event was organized by the student honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, and all of the speakers were members of the honor society when they were students.

## Spring Riddles

1. April showers bring mayflowers, but what do Mayflowers bring?
2. What spring flowers can be found on people's faces?
3. Why is spring a great season to start a gardening business?
4. What did the big flower say to the little one?
5. What is a spring chick after it is five months old?

Four college students were afflicted with Spring Fever. They skipped their morning classes to play Frisbee in the park.

After lunch they went to school and found their morning class teacher. They explained that they had experienced a flat tire that morning, and couldn't get to class for their exam. Much to their relief, she said that they could make up the points with a simple essay test. They took their seats, properly spaced out around the room as she prepared the examination paper.

Their smiles faded as they turned the exam paper over to read a single question... **"Which tire was flat?"**

**Riddle answers:** Pilgrims, Tulips (two-lips!), you can "rake" in the cash, you're really growing Bud!, 6 months old (duh!)

## NSNA

The National Student Nurse Association (NSNA) is sponsoring a showing of the movie, "An American Nurse." The film will be shown at Wehrenberg West Cape Cine on May 6th and 7th, at 6:45. NSNA member can get their tickets for FREE by seeing Dr. Whiffen! Drawings and a special Q&A session will follow the movie!

## Comments & Suggestions Box

Have a thought, comment, or suggestion about the college??? Want to tell someone that a teacher is doing a great job, or that a course is really interesting? How about that the vending machine is constantly out of your favorite candy bar??? Drop a note into the **Suggestions Box** on the second floor! The box is in the commons area, on the wall behind the television and couches. Comments are monitored monthly by the recruitment and retention committee, and sent to the appropriate committee or individual for resolution. Let your voice be heard!!!