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LETTER

from the Executive Director



It has now been nearly a year since becoming the Executive Director of Nursing and Health Sciences, and it has been an amazing journey. While I miss everything about EMS, I have found all of the faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences to be some of the most inspiring and motivating individuals I have ever encountered in education. We have faced challenges during this time, but I have learned that we are not defined by those challenges. We are defined by our responses to the events, and our team has risen to the occasion. I will not go into details here as many of those stories will be featured in this edition. I would be remiss, however, if I did not publicly voice my appreciation and admiration for our leadership team, faculty, and staff. They

are the heroes that show up every day, committed to the success of the students, our programs, and the college as a whole.

In the last edition of this newsletter, I provided my vision for this department: to encourage our faculty and staff with a positive work environment for their professional growth and autonomy, and to explore opportunities that will provide the best possible learning experiences for the students that we serve.

I am the greatest cheerleader of our faculty and staff, and they have proven their value to this institution by achieving tremendous improvement in performance outcomes. Their service doesn't stop there! Time and again, the faculty, staff, and students have shown up to support college events, provide for our community in

times of need, and volunteer countless hours towards recruitment, retention, and community outreach. Although we have had some faculty turnover, we added new faces to our team that show great promise for the advancement of our programs.

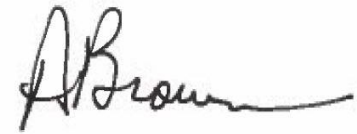
I have indicated that my primary focus for our students is that they graduate, pass their certification exams (if applicable), and go to work as competent professionals in their chosen field of study. Policies have been implemented that raise the performance bar for our pre-licensure students, and they have risen to the challenge. The students are putting in the work, adapting to change, and showing that they can meet the rigorous scrutiny experienced by today's healthcare workers. In our classrooms and clinical sites, they are demonstrating

the knowledge, competence, compassion, critical thinking, professionalism, and accountability skills that will be expected of them when they join the workforce. I have every confidence that the students graduating from our programs are ready to take the healthcare industry by storm and become the providers, researchers, leaders, and educators of tomorrow.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the never-ending support provided to our programs by the college

administration and the Florida Gateway College Foundation. With their support, we have been able to grow our programs and provide our students with valuable resources that are often not available at much larger institutions. The faculty and administration of FGC are fully committed to meeting the healthcare needs of our community by providing quality education to the next generation of nurses, physical therapist assistants, health information technology professionals, and ancillary

providers. In this last year, I have come to recognize the gift I have been given with the opportunity to work with this team, and I could not be more thankful.



Ann D. Brown, Executive Director of Florida Gateway College's Nursing and Health Sciences, enjoys a rich personal and professional life. She is married with two grown children and four grandchildren. Her 32 years of service and experience in Emergency Medical Services and Critical Care Nursing began in 1990 when she received her Paramedic certification from Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ). Mrs. Brown went on to receive both an Associate degree in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from FSCJ. Education plays a vital role in Mrs. Brown's life; she earned her Master of Science degree in Nursing Education in 2015 from Western Governors University. She continues to embrace education and has begun her doctoral studies at Florida State University, studying Educational Leadership. Mrs. Brown's service to Florida Gateway College began ten years ago, and she is proud to continue that service in the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Welcome FACULTY

The Department of Nursing & Health Sciences Welcomes Its Newest Faculty Additions



Cheryl CRARY

Assistant Professor of Nursing

- Former Charge Nurse, Director of Nursing, and Clinical Adjunct Instructor
- **Education:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Florida Gateway College
- **Fun Fact:** "I love outdoor activities!"
- **Favorite Quote:** "You cannot swim for new horizons until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." – William Faulkner



Emily DAVIS

Senior Staff Assistant

- **Education:** Emily is currently earning her Associate in Arts degree at Florida Gateway College.
- **Fun Fact:** "I am an avid animal lover – especially Dogs 🐶! I have been swimming with dolphins in the Bahamas and I have hiked up to the beautiful waterfalls in the Dominican Republic."



Rebecca MCDANIEL

Assistant Professor and Coordinator of CNA Program

- Former ICU Case Manager | North Florida Medical Center
- **Education:** Associate of Science in EMS and Nursing | Santa Fe College
- **Fun Fact:** "I swim in the local springs year-round!"



By DN&HS STAFF WRITER

The COMEBACK KID

FGC's Certified Nursing Assistant Program Re-emerges

Six years ago, the last student cohort completed the challenging certified nursing assistant (CNA) program at Florida Gateway College. The 16-week course finished in 2016, which included a classroom, lab, and clinical experience. After a lengthy hiatus, FGC's CNA program will reemerge in the spring of 2023.

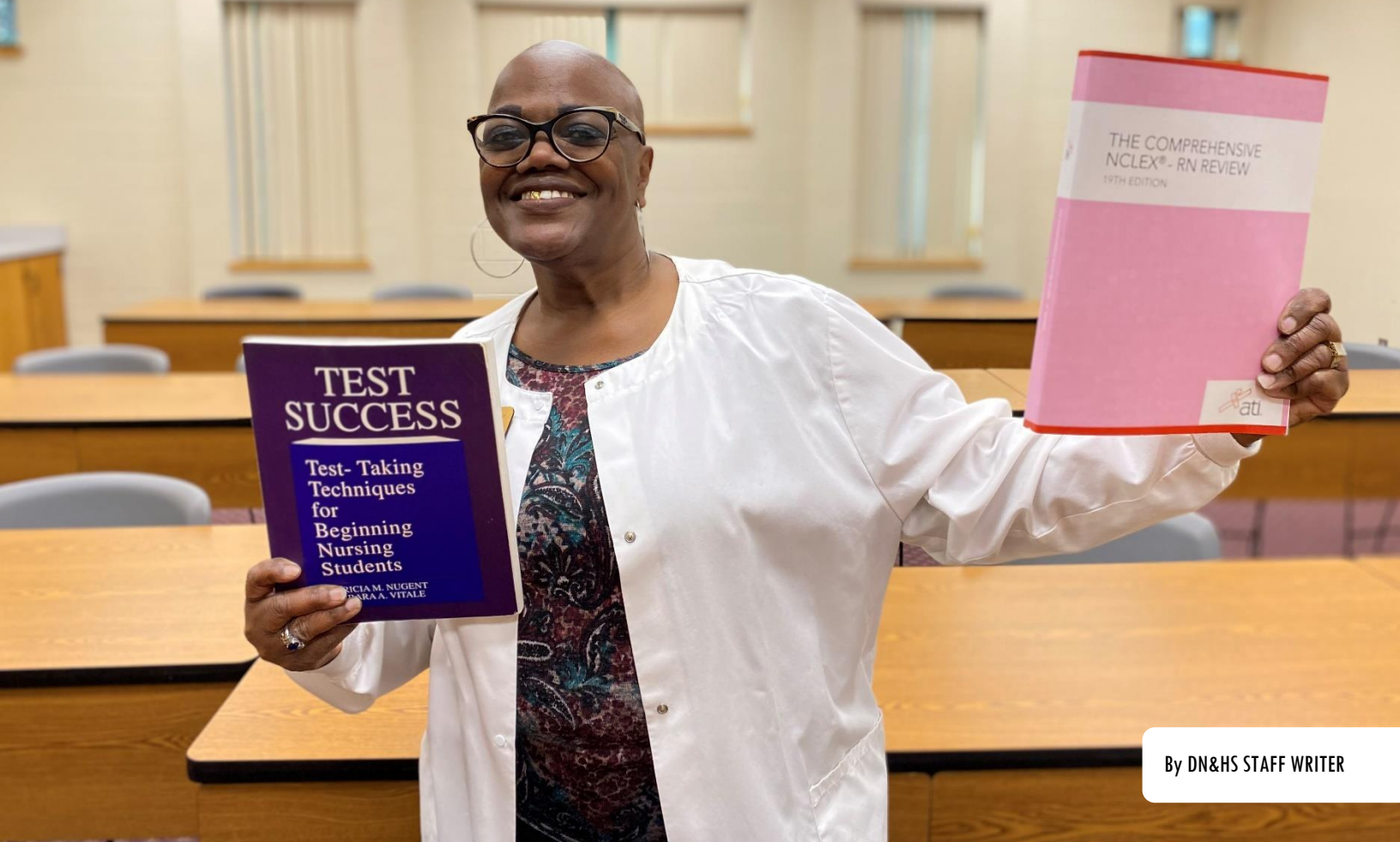
The Nursing Assistant (Articulated) certificate program will prepare students with the knowledge, competencies, and requisites needed to become a certified nursing assistant (CNA). The program is composed of two (2) courses designed to meet challenging academic standards that will prepare students for employability. The courses of (HSC 0003) Basic Healthcare Worker and (HCP 0121C) Nurse Aide and Orderly combine classroom instruction and skills/simulation to prepare students for clinical practice in long-term healthcare and other healthcare settings.

In a recent interview, Rebecca McDaniel (pictured above right), lead faculty and coordinator for the certified nursing assistant (CNA) program, expressed her enthusiasm about the return of this essential track. "I am excited to bring in some

new CNAs because we need them so much in the hospital setting. CNAs are an integral part of the team, and when they are not there because of staffing, it hurts." McDaniel furthered, "...workload has tripled in the ICU, and not having a CNA available just adds to the stress."

Patricia Orender (pictured above left), Director of Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and Certificate Programs, discussed the impact the certified nursing assistant (CNA) program will have on the college's clinical partners. Orender stated, "For all of our clinical partners that have a staffing need, this program provides the ability for them to get well-trained students. We will produce graduates who are ready to take care of patients."

Through this program, FGC faculty hope to continually meet the workforce needs of the community, while preparing future healthcare leaders and caregivers. To learn more about the Certified Nursing Assistant program, visit the Health Sciences webpage at <https://www.fgc.edu/academics/programs/health-sciences>.



By DN&HS STAFF WRITER

RAISING STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. Sandra Webb Takes Testing and Remediation to A New Level

Dr. Sandra Webb is not shy when it comes to helping students succeed. As the Testing and Remediation Coordinator of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences she handles a variety of specialty curriculums and assists all practical nursing (PN), associate of science degree in nursing (ASDN), health information technology (HIT), and phlebotomy students adapt to classroom and testing demands. As a proactive tool to prepare students for the rigor of their program quizzes and exams, Dr. Webb developed a specialized Canvas course, appropriately titled *Pre-Program Test Taking Strategies*.

The course was designed to orient students in the following ways: introduce them to campus-wide resources, provide educational content to support their academic success, and help to identify their learning styles and needs.

Dr. Webb schedules time to meet with students individually after their first unsuccessful quiz or exam attempt. When she is not conducting one-on-one sessions, Dr. Webb facilitates group academic support workshops that provide in-depth reviews of course content and reinforce study and time management skills. She also collaborates regularly with department faculty to incorporate teaching strategies that enhance testing outcomes.

Dr. Webb commented that in all of her activities, her greatest joy comes when a student's application of her recommendations, evidenced in their hard work, results in improved test scores on their exams. "When students come back and say, 'I applied what you told me and it really worked for me,' I know that the things I recommend actually make a difference."

To learn more about the testing and remediation services offered by Dr. Sandra Webb, contact her at sandra.webb@fgc.edu.

Dr. Sandra Webb is the Testing & Remediation Coordinator for FGC's Department of Nursing and Health Sciences. She serves as a catalyst for licensure examination success and provides testing strategies to students.



PIPELINE FUNDS AWARDED

FGC Receives a Substantial Grant for High Certification Pass Rates and Workforce Development

By ANN BROWN

Senate Bill 2524 was recently signed by Governor Ron DeSantis and established an incentive program called the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Fund. The PIPELINE fund was created to “reward performance and excellence among nursing education programs at Florida College System Institutions and school district postsecondary technical career centers that offer a licensed practical nurse program.”¹

Under the leadership of Patricia Orender, Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs, Professors Janice Helfenberger and Susan Espenship have done an incredible job preparing our practical nursing students for success on their certification exams and in the workforce. Based on 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 completion and licensure data, Florida Gateway College was awarded \$1.9 million to provide program enhancements that will support the faculty and students in several programs throughout the

college! It is their dedication to the college and the students they serve that ensures the success of our students. Because of their success, great things are in store for the college as a whole and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. Thank you, practical nursing team, for all you do!

¹ Florida Department of Education. (n.d.). *Prepping institutions, programs, employers and learners through incentives for nursing education (pipeline)*. Career & Adult Education. <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/pipeline.stml>

WOLVES TO THE RESCUE

FGC Partners with State Colleges to Provide Hurricane Ian Relief

By MELISSA DAVIS

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Fort Meyers on September 28, 2022. As Florida residents woke up the next morning, we saw the massive, destructive power of a Category 4 hurricane. On October 1st, Florida Gateway College President, Dr. Lawrence Barrett, asked faculty, staff, and students to assist the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota and the surrounding community in a conjoined effort to bring relief. FGC teamed up with Santa Fe College, College of Central Florida, and fellow Florida College System members to deliver a semi-trailer shipment of supplies to assist in an urgent time of need. Our Department of Nursing and Health Sciences (DN&HS) faculty, staff, and students donated money and supplies to assist in this endeavor. In just five days, the DN&HS team loaded two SUVs and took the supplies to FGC's Olustee campus where they would be loaded onto the truck. This semi-truck was driven by FGC CDL students and their instructor.

Thank you to all participants who gave monetarily, purchased supplies, and devoted time to sorting and packing supplies. I know it was greatly appreciated by those who were affected by this hurricane. Great job Timberwolves!



FGC faculty, staff, and students load a semi-trailer with supplies.



FGC Nursing and Health Sciences faculty, staff, and students gather at the Olustee campus after loading hurricane relief supplies.

A DAY IN THE PARK

DN&HS Students and Faculty Attend Fun in the Park

By DESTINEY PARRISH

On October 15, 2022, faculty, staff, and students of Florida Gateway College (FGC) organized and hosted "Fun in the Park." The college partnered with local community leaders to secure the Olustee Park, located in beautiful downtown Lake City. Faculty, staff, and students assisted in hosting this fun, educational, Halloween-themed event. Although this event was the first of its kind, the responses from the community and attendees were overwhelmingly positive.

Several programs from the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences participated in the event, including the RN-BSN, ASDN, PN, and PTA programs. Faculty and students organized educational activities for the attendees and fun prizes that were free to everyone. The BSN program offered a Halloween-themed "Spin the Pumpkin Wheel" game and handed out various prizes to the participants. The ASDN and PN table consisted of an overflow of Halloween décor, complete with skeletons and jack-o-lanterns. Children at the event received heps of candy and participated in fun activities. These activities included toy injection shots, wrapping mummies, and the game of "Operation." The PTA program also provided games such as tug-of-war, corn hole, bullseye, and the balance beam, which tested the participants' balance, strength, and coordination.

Student volunteers assisted with the event and devoted their free time to bring awareness to Florida Gateway College and its current educational programs. Students demonstrated great joy and enthusiasm as they offered a helping hand to the greater Lake City community. One DN&HS faculty member said, "The event was a great time for everyone, and we are looking forward to hosting an event like this annually. It is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community with the assistance of the FGC administration and its local community leaders."



Physical Therapy Assistant students and faculty gather for a photo while serving the community.



Nursing students and faculty pose at their decorated vendor table.

DN&HS AT COLLEGE NIGHT

DN&HS Faculty and Staff Attend 2022 College Night

By DN&HS STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, August 23rd, FGC held its 34th Annual College Night. Over 45 U.S. colleges and universities were represented in FGC's Howard Gymnasium, and attendees were welcomed by FGC faculty, staff, and volunteers as they entered the assembly.

Tables with faculty representatives from FGC's diverse academic and career technical programs were also situated throughout the gymnasium. Event attendees chatted with vendors, college instructors, and even engaged in simulations, arts, and crafts.

"This is an exciting opportunity for parents, incoming college students, and transfer students to learn and ask questions about college applications, financial aid, choosing a major, GPAs, and many of the other topics that oftentimes feel daunting," said Japera Denson, FGC Health Information Technology Coordinator and Assistant Professor. "The event also gives our faculty and staff a chance to connect with the community and foster partnerships with other institutions. It's always a pleasure to participate in College Night!"



Health Information Technology (HIT) faculty, Japera Denson and Dr. Stephen Agyare, welcome visitors at the HIT table.



Nursing Faculty, Susan Espenship, Cheryl Cray, and Janice Helfenberger represent the PN and ASDN nursing programs at College Night.



Physical Therapy Assistant students, faculty, and FGC administrators celebrate improved NPTE exam pass rates.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Physical Therapy Assistant Graduates Achieve 100% NPTE Pass Rate

By ANN BROWN

Professor Christine McLaughlin onboarded a little over a year ago as the new Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) Program Coordinator at Florida Gateway College. At that time, the program was experiencing challenges with its National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE) for Physical Therapist Assistants success rates. Professor McLaughlin and Dr. Tanya Doidge, both PTA faculty, made it a priority to turn those numbers around. In one year, the powerhouse teamwork of Professor McLaughlin and Dr. Doidge brought the PTA program

from a 31.3% first-time pass rate on the NPTE exam in 2021 to a first-time pass rate of 100% in 2022! “This is an incredible accomplishment for the faculty as well as the students,” said Ann Brown, FGC Executive Director of Nursing and Health Sciences. “They all worked tremendously hard to make this happen, and we couldn’t be prouder of all of them.”

To aid in the exam success of PTA graduates, Professor McLaughlin developed a PTA “boot camp” to help students who graduated from the program in recent years achieve

success on their certification exam. Professor McLaughlin reported that three students who graduated in 2021 completed the exam preparation course, and all three graduates were successful. Brown exclaimed, “Congrats again to Professor McLaughlin, Dr. Doidge, and the PTA graduates of 2022. Way to put us back on the map as a leading educator for PTA professionals!”

If you or someone you know graduated from the FGC PTA program and are still working to pass the certification exam, please get in touch with our PTA faculty. We would love to provide you with tools to be successful on your next attempt. We are still here for you. Contact Professor Christine McLaughlin at christine.mclaughlin@fgc.edu.



GRADUATE SHARES STRIKING TESTIMONY OF HOW FGC HELPED HER IN A TIME OF NEED

By KIMBERLY SYKES,
Spring 2022 Graduate (Pictured above)

As I entered my last semester of college, at the age of 45, I was filled with excitement and anticipation for the completion of my first college degree. By staying focused, studying, and keeping my grades on track, I was well on my way to completing the Health Information Technology, A.S. degree program and becoming a health information professional. However, on Sunday, March 13, 2022, less than two months before graduation, my home caught on fire, and I found myself in the midst of a tragedy.

Two days later, I received a call from Professor Japera Denson, who contacted me to share exciting news related to my degree completion. While on the phone with Professor Denson, I shared how glad I was to hear the good news because, unknown to her, my home had just burned up and was completely irreparable.

Without hesitation, Professor Denson asked if my family and I were OK, and I assured her that we had all made it out safely. Within 48 hours, a team of FGC faculty, staff and administrators provided food, resources, and generous monetary donations for me and my family. Because of their thoughtfulness, I was able to replace supplies and purchase everything I needed to complete my final semester of school and graduate with my classmates in May of 2022. Their benevolence was truly a blessing.

The genuine care and concern that I received from FGC showed me that they truly care about their students. Since graduating, I have passed two national certification exams and received my certified coding associate (CCA) and registered health information technician (RHIT) credentials. I now plan to work in the field while obtaining my bachelor's degree. I am an FGC success story and a proud member of the "Wolf Pack."

DN&HS FACULTY AND STAFF CELEBRATE THEIR HARD-EARNED DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

By DN&HS STAFF WRITER

Exemplifying the spirit of lifelong learning, faculty member Sarah White recently completed a graduate degree, and staff member Jeannette Blackmon completed a notary certification course, adding proficiency and knowledge to their roles at Florida Gateway College.

In FGC's Department of Nursing and Health Sciences, Sarah White serves as an Assistant Professor of Skills Lab and Simulation. She received her Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from the University of Central Florida. Sarah said, "After 12 years of working in the nursing field, I graduated with my Master's degree specializing in Healthcare Simulation in May of 2022 with the hopes of returning to FGC and sharing my passion for the profession that I love. I hope to continue to bring fresh ideas and best practices to our Skills and Simulation program to ensure that our students are well prepared to enter the healthcare workforce."

Jeannette Blackmon is a Senior Staff Assistant for the nursing and certificate programs and she received a notary commission. Jeannette expressed, "I felt it would contribute to each cohort when our new students come in for orientation. I asked to take the course to help our programs, as well as [those that are] campus-wide."

The Department of Nursing and Health Sciences is proud to celebrate the hard work of our faculty and staff who demonstrate continuous professional development and continue the Culture of Excellence.

For notary services, contact Jeannette Blackmon at clayra.blackmon@fgc.edu or (386) 754-4404.



By DN&HS STAFF WRITER

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Dr. Stephen Agyare Launches FGC's First Student Club for Upcoming Health Information Professionals

After seeing a need for Health Information Technology (HIT) and Medical Coder/Biller (MCB) students to become more involved on and off campus, Dr. Stephen Agyare (pictured above) quickly rose to the task of spearheading an engagement initiative to prepare students for their approaching careers. In the interview below, HIT faculty member, Dr. Agyare, shares some insights into the purpose and direction of the new HIT/MCB Student Club.

What is the HIT and MCB Student Club? The HIT/MCB Student Club has been established specifically to bring the students in these two courses of

study together for a common, all-round educational goal of developing their professional and leadership skills and abilities. It is a club that seeks to build a shared program culture and the ability to connect students as one family.

When did the Club begin? The application for the Club's establishment began in the Spring 2022 and fortunately the application as approved in the same semester. The club's activities began during the Fall 2022 semester when the first five members held their inaugural meeting on October 10, 2022. These members also became executives.

What is the purpose of the HIT and MCB Student Club? The HIT/MCB Student

Club was established to create an academic, professional, and social bond among students and professionals in the two fields of study and the community. This Club intends to expose students to new ideas in these fields of study, build employment contacts, and help instill in HIT/MCB students the attitude of giving back to the community, getting together inclusively, and embracing diversity.

How will the Club benefit students, the program, and the community? The club seeks to train students in leadership skills, cultural adoptability among diverse people, and academically encourage student performance, time management, professional membership,

and continuous education to improve their abilities and learned skills. The HIT/MCB Student Club will also help grow the HIT and MCB programs through campaigns, exhibitions, and participation in on-campus and off-campus activities that will advertise the program to prospective students and the community as a whole. The club will help in data collection and analysis that will help to make better decisions and suggestions for the program. In addition, the club intends to participate in service learning and community services within and external to the college.

What inspired this initiative? The formation of the club was inspired by the desire to grow the HIT/MCB program, improve student involvement, build a community spirit in students, and develop students' professional abilities and hunger for lifelong learning.

How can students get involved? Due to the immense benefits members will derive, and the hope to get almost every student involved, the club has made membership free and opened to all HIT and MCB students. In fact, students can join anytime and remain involved even

after they graduate. At the moment, there is no monetary commitment to become a member of the club.

Is there anything else you'd like to add? As a patron of the club, I want to use this medium to encourage all HIT and MCB students to do all they can to become members of the club. I wish to also invite students to attend our next virtual meeting in January 2023!

To learn more about the HIT/MCB Student Club, contact Dr. Stephen Agyare at stephen.agyare@fgc.edu.

Congratulations FALL 2022 Graduates!

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE Nursing

Brenda Lee Hogan
Kyndell Brianna King
Julie Alane Nettles
Mittal Raju Patel
Ashley Rose Thompson
Stephanie Carolina
Tucker

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE Nursing

Bernadette Teresa Allen
Chelsea Lynn Covington
Michaela Serena
Goodrich
Katelyn Ashley
Higginbotham
Naomi Danielle Holland
Dustin Andrew Lee
Jessica Lynn O'Neill
Andrea Elizabeth Ransom
Candice Marie Sutton
Abigail Marie Thomas
Ruby Mardee Thornton
Ashlyn Brooke Townsend
Alona Renee Woodard

Health Information Technology, A.S. Anna Ruth Henderson-Wolf Michelle Wright

CERTIFICATE

Practical Nursing

Makayla Cassidy Bennett
Tristen Tatum Byrd
Erikita Dominique Cherry
Shakeirra Shante Edwards
Kelly Lynn Elbert
Ashley Johnston
Alora Michele Keller
Allison Marie Keys
Haley Rianna Kilby
Corrine Elizabeth McAfee
Richelle Hope McDonald
Samantha Lynn Nipper
Meagan Taylor Peace
Alli Shae Pinner
Tanysha Natrayla Shaw
Meriah Nadine Stewart
Abigail Nicole Tuell
Caitlynn Leighanna White
Kristi Danielle Wilder
DeAnza Collene Ziegau





Meet the **FACULTY**

Get to know Dr. Patsy Love, DNP, RN, CNOR Associate Professor of RN-BSN

Where were you born and raised?

My home town is St. Petersburg Florida, but my family moved to Atlanta, Georgia when I was 10. I learned to drive in Atlanta, got married in Atlanta, and had my first of two daughters in Atlanta.

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy Gator Football, movies, and day trips to any beach, anytime!

What inspired you to become a nurse?

My inspiration to become a nurse came from my grandmother who was a WWI Army nurse and my mother who was a pediatric nurse. Nursing also afforded me the opportunity to give up my Farm Store job.

What has been one of the greatest lessons you've learned along your journey?

My greatest lessons came from the Vietnam War. My senior year in High School, half of my class were hawks and half were doves. I fell on the dove side and protested the war and my former husband was on the Hawk side. He volunteered in the army and after three tours in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces S.O.G. HALO team, he moved the family to Okinawa, Japan. From 1968-1972 he commuted to war. Sometimes gone for six months... sometimes leaving every Friday and coming back the following Sunday on missions with names like "Snakebite." Living in two separate worlds every day I learned

early how to compartmentalize between the good, the bad, and the ugly.

What course(s) do you teach at FGC?

In the RN-BSN program we have ten BSN courses across the curriculum. I will have taught each course at least once after the spring semester of 2023.

What do you love most about teaching?

I have been teaching since 1997 and sharing my love and passion for nursing is my joy. Many times, I run into students that say they still remember me begging them not to kill anyone while in clinical.

What message do you strive to instill in your students?

Teaching students to hold on to their sense of humor for the sake of their sanity is my ultimate goal. Our patients don't need a better sense of humor, but our health care providers need to lighten up.

What does being an FGC faculty member mean to you?

Being at FGC for me is being HOME, finally.

Dr. Patsy Love is a graduate of the University of Florida (BSN), University of Tampa (MSN), and University of South Florida (DNP). With more than 25 years of nursing education practice, Dr. Love brings over 40 years of nursing experience to FGC's RN to BSN program. She serves as a legal consultant for multiple law firms in Florida and her research interests include ethical and legal issues in nursing, humor in nursing, and the emotional stress of nursing. Contact Dr. Love at patricia.love@fgc.edu.

The Department of Nursing & Health Sciences Honors Distinguished Educators with the 2022-2023 Faculty of the Year Award

Destiney **PARRISH**

2022-2023 FULL-TIME FACULTY OF THE YEAR

"I am honored to have been nominated and selected as the Nursing & Health Sciences Faculty of the Year. FGC has been a part of my life since I came here as a student many years ago. I have the pleasure of combining two worlds that I love, teaching and nursing. I'm honored to teach the nurses of tomorrow. Thank you for this recognition." — Destiney Parrish, MSN, RN



Cheryl **CRARY**

2022-2023 PART-TIME FACULTY OF THE YEAR

"I am honored to be awarded adjunct faculty of the year. I have so much gratitude and admiration for my peers. To be recognized by my esteemed colleagues is truly humbling and rewarding. I am blessed to have the opportunity to inspire nurses of the future and to be a part of their nursing school journey. I am thankful that I now work within the program in a full-time capacity alongside educators who give their entire heart and soul toward inspiring students. My coworkers and I will dedicate ourselves fully to the exceptional education of the next generation of caretakers. The gratitude that I feel is unmeasurable and I foresee a future full of joy and achievement." — Cheryl Crary, BSN, RN-BC





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