

# SON Academic & Student Affairs

Monthly Newsletter

November 2007 Vol. 1

## REGISTRATION

**Begins** Monday November 12th

**Ends** Monday November 26th

**ALL Students** must meet with their faculty advisor prior to registration for course review / approval.

**BSN Electives** have a capped enrollment, so you may want to be ready to register at 12:01 on Sunday night / Monday AM to obtain the elective of your choice.

**Drop/Add** can be completed during registration or the first week of school January 7 to 10th. If you miss registration in November, you will have to register during drop/add.

**Register** for your classes by logging into your Pulse account. The pulse account is also useful for finding out your bill balance or checking for any holds on your account. For more information, please visit [https://pulse.mcg.edu/pls/BPRD/twbkwbis.P\\_GenMenu?name=homepage](https://pulse.mcg.edu/pls/BPRD/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage)

## REMINDERS

### HIPAA

Remember everyone must be in compliance with HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). For more information or to complete your modules please visit <http://www.educode.com/mcg/>

### CPR & TB

All students must be up to date with their CPR requirements and TB testing. CPR is due every 2 years and the TB test once a year. A copy of your CPR card must be provided to the Office of Student Affairs at your perspective campus.

**If you are not in compliance with HIPAA or CPR then a HOLD will be placed on your account which will prevent you from registering November 12<sup>th</sup>.**



## SON WEB SITE

Visit our newly designed SON web site — <http://www.mcg.edu/son/>

Click on the “**NEWSLETTER**” link on the right side of the page and read the weekly newsletter from Dean Marion. It is a great way to stay informed about the SON.

Click on the link at the top of the page for “**CURRENT STUDENTS**”.

- Under the “**FINANCE**” link the scholarship and awards are listed.
- The “**POLICY**” link includes the student handbooks.
- The “**STUDENT AFFAIRS**” link includes information about convocation. It will also be where we post the monthly student newsletter.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The **Academic Calendar** is located at  
<http://www.mcg.edu/students/Registrar/acadcal.htm>

### Key Dates

- ◆ *Spring 2008 Registration: November 12—26*
- ◆ *Thanksgiving Break: November 21—23*
- ◆ *Last day of classes: December 6*
- ◆ *Exams: December 7—13*
- ◆ *Grades Posted in Pulse: December 17*
- ◆ *Classes Begin: January 7*
- ◆ *Drop / Add: January 7—10*
- ◆ *MLK Holiday / No Classes: January 21*
- ◆ *Midterm: February 27*
- ◆ *Registration for Summer 08: March 17 to 31*
- ◆ *Spring Break: April 7—11*
- ◆ *Classes End: April 28*
- ◆ *Exams: April 29 – May 5*
- ◆ *Convocation / Graduation: May 9*

## FACULTY UPDATE



**Congratulations** to Dr. Deborah Smith on her recent graduation from our Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program.

Professor Denotra Gaillard and Professor Margo Henderson will be graduating December 2007 from the DNP Program and will become Dr. Gaillard and Dr. Henderson.

Also we would like to welcome some new faculty to the SON.

For the listed faculty profile, you may visit  
<http://www.mcg.edu/son/faculty.htm> or click on their name below.

[Professor John Beilman](#)

[Professor Annette Borgault.](#)

[Professor Walter Howell](#)

[Professor Jim Masiogale](#)

[Professor Barbara McLear](#)

[Professor Debora Nutt](#)

[Professor Peter Way](#)

[Professor Lovoria Williams](#)

[Professor Kitty Garrett](#)

[Professor Vallire Hooper](#)

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

It is time to apply for the School of Nursing Scholarships and Awards. There are both Graduate and Undergraduate opportunities.

For a list of Scholarships and Awards, visit <http://www.mcg.edu/SON/SONScholarships.htm>.

We may be adding a few additional opportunities in December so look for updates via the newsletter and the web site.

**The deadline is February 2 at 4:00 PM**

Submit all applications to Ms. Allison Carr in the Dean's Office – [acarr@mcg.edu](mailto:acarr@mcg.edu)

## CLASS OFFICERS

### BSN 2008 Class Officers -- Augusta

**President** - Whitney Bryant

**Vice President** - Jackie Wooten

**Secretary** - Brooke Nevils

**Treasurer** - Krissie Hooson

**Faculty Advisors:**

Dr. Sharon Bennett

Professor Cathy Green

### BSN Class 2008 Officers -- Athens

**President** - Emily Mclaughlin

**Vice President** - Carrie Wojohn

**Secretary** - Julie Linsey

**Treasurer** - Emily Beteag

**Faculty Advisors:**

Professor Julia Behr

Professor Cathy Semenoff

### CNL Class 2008

**President** – Kati Shadden

**Vice President** – Stephanie Seagroves

**Secretary** – Lauren Puckett

**Treasurer** – Kristin Moore

**Faculty Advisor** – Dr. Cynthia Mundy

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**Secretary** – Debra Chatfield

**Treasurer** – Brandi Ray

**Faculty Advisors:**

Dr. Gayle Bentley

### BSN Class 2009 Officers -- Athens

**President** – Melissa Bienacher

**Vice President** – Hannah Reed

**Secretary** – Jamie Criger

**Treasurer** – Amanda Davis

**Faculty Advisors:**

Dr. Christy Berding

Professor Betty Daniels

## FEDERAL NURSING LOAN PROGRAM

There is additional money in the Federal Nursing Loan Program fund.

Award amount is currently \$4000/yr (may change for the 08-09 school year)

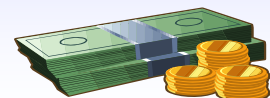
Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information. (706) 721-4901

### **Eligibility requirements:**

- ♦ US citizen, US national or Permanent Resident
- ♦ Nursing Undergraduate or Graduate
- ♦ Minimum Enrollment  
6 hours for Undergraduate  
5 hours for Graduate

Interest rate: is 5% and does not accrue during periods of deferment.

Students must complete the 2007-2008 MCG Financial Aid Application and the 2007-2008 FAFSA. This is a need - based loan.



## MCG & MCGHI SMOKE – FREE NOVEMBER 15, 2007



November 1, 2007

**TO:** MCG Employees and Faculty  
MCGHI Employees  
PPG Employees

**FROM:** Dr. Daniel W. Rahn, President, MCG  
Don Snell, President and CEO, MCGHI  
Dr. Curt Steinhart, President and CEO, PPG

**RE:** Tobacco-Free Campus – November 15, 2007

As announced a year ago, the Medical College of Georgia, MCG Health, Inc., and Physicians Practice Group will become tobacco free both inside and outside on November 15, 2007, the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. The policy applies to all properties owned, leased or controlled by our respective organizations, including the academic, research and clinical buildings on the main campus and at satellite locations. ([Map](#))

As Georgia's only health sciences university and the CSRA's only academic medical center, our mission is to improve health and reduce the burden of illness in society. By undertaking this initiative, MCG and its related entities join numerous educational and health care facilities across the state and nation in protecting our employees, patients and their families and other visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Implementing this initiative was not an impulsive decision. A task force of more than 40 representatives from the university, the hospitals and clinics and PPG have been working for nearly a year to lay out a plan for a smooth transition to a tobacco-free environment. Internal audiences and hospital patients and visitors were surveyed, similar organizations that have implemented tobacco-free policies were asked to share their experiences and plans are being laid to support those faced with the challenges of fighting their addiction. Tobacco cessation counseling offered by the MCG Nursing Faculty Practice Group will be available at no cost to benefits-eligible MCGHI and PPG employees. The cost of counseling and pharmacotherapy will be covered for the first 258 benefits-eligible MCG employees to register. For more information, contact the NFPG at 706-721-8224.

To review the policy and learn more about this initiative, please visit the [MCG Tobacco Free Campus](#) Web site. Your cooperation and support of this effort is appreciated.