DR. VALARIE TRIMARCHI NAMED AS CAMPUS PRESIDENT

Dr. Trimarchi is a familiar figure at the Falls Church campus having served its students earlier as the Campus Dean. She brings many years of experience at the academic leadership level in the areas of campus growth, student enrollment, and integrating academic affairs with Career Services and Student Services to meet the employment needs of graduates. Dr. Trimarchi will also assume academic oversight of the Online Division in collaboration with Gina Rice-Holland, the Online Director.

She has worked with internal and external regulatory and accreditation agencies and is familiar with the educational practices schools follow in order to comply with national, state and regional regulations for accreditation.

THEY DID IT AGAIN!

The Falls Church Campus Military Office repeated its achievements of past years and again earned the Best For Vets Magazines’ rating of “One Of The Best” for the year 2017. This selection was made as the result of surveys sent to more than 150 participating schools. A recognition plaque is proudly on display outside the Military Office on the Lobby Level. Pictured is Manager, Military Outreach Keith Evans, and VA Certifying Official Jason Mims.

MILITARY OFFICE RECEIVES TOP HONORS

The Military Office at the Falls Church campus has just received notice that it has earned the Gold award for excellence by the Military Friendly Organization and is ranked among the top 10 percent of the 1,200 post-secondary college and universities in the nation for the year 2017. The reason it was chosen to receive the Gold Award was to make it known to prospective students that Stratford programs are rated the most powerful and effective of those rated by Military Friendly® institutions.

Military Outreach Manager Keith Evans, Sr. U.S. Ret., explained that this highest level of recognition was granted to Stratford University because the school exceeded the benchmark standards set by the Military Friendly rating organization. The standards considered were: Academic Policies & Compliance, Admissions & Orientation, Culture & Commitment, Financial Aid & Assistance, Graduation & Career, and Military Student Support & Retention. He added, “This achievement could not have earned without the dedicated work of our VA Certifying Officer Jason Sims.”
STRAFORD STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

EXTRA REWARDS PROGRAM

Like a frequent flyer program, Stratford Extra Rewards offers students a way to “bank” points from already successful Stratford degree efforts to cover the costs of classes at the end of a student’s academic program.

Stratford Extra Rewards is available to first-time Stratford University students and to continuing students transferring 50% or less of their program requirements. Students must also be opting into direct cost options.

The program is valued at up to two courses for associate students and up to four courses for bachelor students. This scholarship cannot be combined with any other Stratford scholarship, grant, or discount. Students must sign the Extra Rewards program acknowledgement form confirming knowledge of the terms and conditions of the program if they are eligible and choose to participate.

The Stratford First Scholarship is designed for eligible high school seniors who enroll at Stratford University during the summer and falls terms following their high school graduation. Up to five recipients are selected at each campus each year to receive $10,000 to be applied toward tuition and fees. This scholarship cannot be combined with any other Stratford scholarship, grant, or discount. Application Deadline May 1st.

STRAFORD GUARANTEE

The exclusive Stratford Guarantee helps ensure students’ success by giving students who demonstrated their best effort to attend and participate in class a second chance to retake that class at no cost* should they fail the first time. The value of the program varies based on the course to be repeated; and faculty member recommendation is required.

Students must have had 100% attendance and received a failing grade in the course to be repeated. The students may only take the failed course one time within the Stratford Guarantee program.

STRAFORD CULINARY COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Offered to winning team members who placed 1st, end, or 3rd in the Pro Start, CCAP, or Skills USA competitions in Virginia or Maryland.

*Applications accepted year-round. Scholarships must be used within one year.

STRAFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL INSURANCE, BILLING, AND CODING SCHOLARSHIP

Stratford believes that education heals the world and toward this goal it provides programs that deliver the skills demanded by industry, and it has designed its programs to meet the changing needs of employers and the community. As part of this commitment, it offers this special scholarship to help a student gain the competencies and experience necessary to succeed in this highly specialized field.

Applications are welcomed for this full tuition Associate degree scholarship in Medical Insurance, Billing and Coding (MIBC). The recipient will receive a scholarship covering all tuition and fees associated with the MIBC program. University Executive President Mrs. Shurtz is pictured presenting a full $33,000 scholarship to Martia Jones for her schooling tuition.
LEARNING IN THE LAB ENVIRONMENT

EXPLAINING

There is much that an instructor can say to their students who are preparing to enter the nursing field. The instructions they give are based on first-hand knowledge of the results of properly followed procedures and the consequences of work poorly done. On the left, Nursing instructor Rumana Akhter meets with members of her nursing NSG120 Foundations of Evidence-Based Nursing Practice class and explains the goals and objectives of their meeting. Their lab experiences will acquaint them with the professional knowledge and skills needed to giving injections to patients.

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These are the things that must be done, she explains. This is how you do it; and these are the reasons why. If this procedure is not done in this way, there could be the following consequences. Be careful how you handle the drug, and take care not to touch the inoculation needle with your fingers. Everything is made clear as Instructor Rumana gives many examples gathered through her personal experience.

The students pay close attention because they know they will be called upon to perform these same tasks during their practicals at local hospitals.

PRACTICING TO LEARN

Now, it’s time for the students to practice the skills that they have seen demonstrated. On the left, Keba Sinkfield-Reddings prepares the inoculation needle with the prescribed amount of drug to administer. She is observed by Paterne Pohatselet and Emiiene Besong. On the right, instructor Rumana Akhter, center, observes Stephanie Wagner, on her right as she perfects her inoculation technique on fellow student Emily King. At this point in the students’ learning, a real injection is not administered. To the relief of some, the instructor has provided a simulation practice sponge.

REGULAR TOWN HALL MEETINGS DISCUSS CURRENT NEWS

One of the biggest concerns of nursing students approaching graduation is the preparation for and satisfactory completion of the NCLEX exam which certifies them as professionally qualified to practice in their field. At one of the nursing department’s regularly scheduled town hall meetings, Dr. Bowe, Dean of the Stratford Nursing program, explained how students, using the probability of the NCLEX success score obtained through prior tests, can obtain the help of a personal coach who would guide them in their final preparations.
VISIT TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

English Composition ENG111 paid a recent visit to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The purpose was to allow the class to view the art work in person that they had chosen from the Gallery's website in order to complete their personal project contribution to the class study on comparison and contrast. They visited the art works displayed in the east and west galleries and found the exhibits of works by Thomas Cole, James Whistler and Pablo Picasso particularly interesting.

Career Services

JOB INTERVIEW PREPARATION OFFERED ONLINE

For the first time this April, online students at the Falls Church campus had the opportunity to talk live with a career counselor even though they were separated by many miles. Career Services Coordinator Charles King is shown as he meets with one of Dr. Shaikh’s eight online students to discuss preparation for her first job interview during a recent work-counseling session.

“This is our first session discussing the topic of job interviews,” Mr. King said. “Judging from the favorable student response to this program, we are preparing other materials to help them in their career preparation. I wish to thank Office Manager Mr. Bryant Johnson, Assistant Manager Kimberly Orr, and IT Support Coordinator Durell Kane, for helping to make this a reality.”

Student Services

MIDTERM REFRESHMENT

Borrowing the popular advertising slogan of a well-known soda company, Student Services repeatedly proves the saying that, “Things Go Better With Food” is certainly true. The time of Mid-term and Final exams is a period of potential stress for students and it has been observed that a bit of tea or coffee along with some tasty snacks produces a calming and quieting effect on all who sample the goodies offered by Student Support Manager Kathya Vargas. Come and enjoy.

ONLINE DIVISION COVERS THE WORLD

From the most distant countries where our armed forces are deployed, to working students living nearby, Stratford’s online program continues to impact the lives of people. Courses are available in most career programs offered by the university that give students the opportunity to earn an Associate, Bachelor or Masters degree. Online Director of Admissions Akeem Brown explained, “Students unable to attend classes at a university campus can use this online opportunity to earn the same degree as a regular commuting student.”
OPEN HOUSE INVITES NEIGHBORS TO THE CAMPUS

The Washington neighborhood served by Stratford University includes all the area within the Capitol Beltway and the residents living outside it who use it as a means of travel. The most recent Falls Church campus open house drew a group specifically interested in the career opportunities offered by the School of Nursing. Their first meeting was with Campus President Dr. Valarie Trimarchi who suggested they be open to achieve their primary career goal, but also be aware of the many opportunities to enter other fields if their career goals change. They spoke with the Associate Director of Admissions Akeem Charles who introduced them to other program managers.

The introductions were followed by department tours. On the left, Catherine Bowe, nursing program director showed the visitors the nursing classrooms and the various simulation instruction laboratories.

ZANE REEVES NAMED HEAD LIBRARIAN AT FALLS CHURCH CAMPUS

Special refreshments prepared by his wife, and a “meet and greet” for students faculty and staff marked the first days of Mr. Reeves’ work in the Falls Church campus library. Zane is a graduate of the Library School at the University of Auburn in Alabama where he majored in Library and Information Studies. He moved to Alexandria, Va. when he became associated with the Art Institute of Washington located in Sterling, Va. Here, he where he worked on projects involving fashion, graphics, animations and photography.

Zane’s goals are to expand the library’s services through weekly labs that promote the library’s resources, and host regularly scheduled demonstrations on basic research methods and information literacy in the areas of special database guidance, search strategies, citation management and evaluating sources. His personal interests include films and classic American cinema as well as care for his young and growing family,

Pictured L to R is: Jade Woodridge librarian assistant, Afraa Al Bahrani business administration instructor, Veronica Garza former assistant librarian and Mr. Zane Reeves.
Stratford University Graduation News

Alexandria, Falls Church, Woodbridge Campuses
at George Mason University Center for the Arts
Braddock Rd. & Rt. 123 Fairfax, VA 22030
10 June 2017

Free parking - Enter campus using Roanoke River Rd. from Braddock Rd.
Park in Lot K.
Pay parking - Next to Center for the Arts

Information - https://cvpa.gmu.edu/stratford-university-graduation

Graduation Registration opens at 8:30 am

Falls Church Students - Graduation attire pick-up in Rm 201S
Falls Church Campus
April 24th through June 8th
Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm
No pick-up Friday 9 June

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