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HAPPY STUDENTS AT EIC'S FALL SEMESTER NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM EIC

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DR. JULIUS WANGIWANG



As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to greet you and your loved ones.

The holiday season is a time for reflection, gratitude, and connection. I hope you find joy in the company of loved ones, peace in the moments of rest, and inspiration as we look ahead to a new year filled with opportunities to make an even greater impact.

On behalf of the entire college, thank you for your tireless efforts and the passion you bring to your work. Your commitment to fostering academic excellence has been instrumental in shaping the experiences of our students and ensuring the continued success of our institution. This year has reminded us of the strength and resilience that comes from working together toward a shared vision.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday and a healthy New Year!

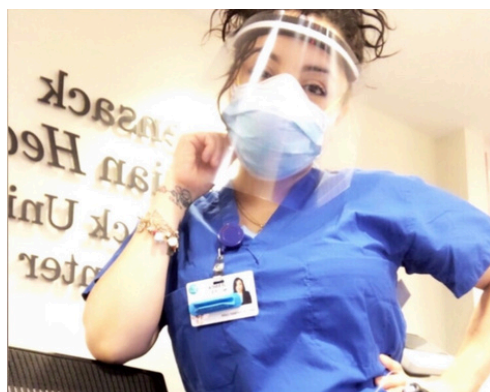
Warm Regards,
Julius Wangiwang, EdD

ALUMNI FEATURE: EIC SUCCESS STORIES



MOHAMED MOSTAFA, CLASS OF '22, CVT-AAS

"My name is Mohamed. I am 35 years old and I started at EIC in 2020. As a non-traditional student entering EIC was very challenging especially when you are married and have 3 kids , and I am the sole provider for my household. EIC provided me with all my needs to succeed. After my graduation, I started to prepare for my board exams and thankfully, I was able to pass on the first try. After passing my board exams, I started to work in an outpatient as a Cardiovascular Sonographer. Now I am working at RWJBarnabas and am able to work towards a better future. So never say it is too late or I am too old. When you have a goal you have to achieve it. There is no excuse!"



JESSICA NIEVES, CLASS OF '20, NURSING-AAS

"My journey as an EIC Alumni has been a challenging yet rewarding experience. Balancing full-time work and full-time nursing school was no easy feat, especially when I faced a major health scare with diabetic ketoacidosis. Despite these trials, I persevered and passed every class. After graduation, I immediately started working in emergency nursing, a field where I've now gained 3.5 years of experience. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Chamberlain University and am now on the path to pursue my Master's of Science in Nursing to become a Family Nurse Practitioner starting January next year. As a single mother with no help, I worked incredibly hard to achieve these milestones, and I'm very proud of my accomplishments. I love my job and am excited for what the future holds."

RAZAN MATOUK, CLASS OF '22, NURSING-AAS

"I graduated from EIC in May 2022, took the NCLEX on August 2022, passed it on the first try. Start working at Atlantic Health in Emergency department and completed my BSN in May 2024 at William Paterson University. I completed my clinicals with Atlantic Health's residency program and represented my performance and proficiency. Became a certified Emergency nurse in August 2024. I would not be able accomplish this with out the strong base and education I received in EIC."



DENTAL HYGIENE NEWS



SPREADING DENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

These initiatives are part of Eastern International College's ongoing commitment to serving the community by promoting health education and awareness. Through their participation, our students gain hands-on experience while making a meaningful impact on public health.

Outreach programs can engage with local communities to address specific health needs, dispel myths, and promote positive behaviors, ultimately contributing to better overall public health outcomes.

DH COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

The Dental Hygiene Department at Eastern International College proudly participated in two community health events this October: the Second Annual Catherine Todd Health Fair on October 16, 2024, and the Second Annual Kearny Health Fair on October 19, 2024.

At both events, our dental hygiene students actively engaged with attendees, showcasing informative posters on oral health and offering valuable insights into proper oral care practices. The students shared tips on maintaining good dental hygiene, emphasizing the importance of regular brushing, flossing, and routine dental check-ups to prevent common issues like cavities and gum disease.



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY NEWS



DMS REMEDIATION: A LOOK INTO OUR SCANNING LABS!

Every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., Ultrasound Instructor Faiza Imtiaz leads DMS Remediation sessions, offering students and alumni a vital opportunity to refine their ultrasound scanning skills. These hands-on sessions help students and alumni alike maintain and enhance their technical scanning knowledge.

Remediation hours are essential for students to stay sharp, improve their confidence, and develop practical skills that are critical for success in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography field. Alumni are also encouraged to attend, ensuring they keep their scanning skills fresh after graduation. These sessions provide a supportive space for current students and alumni to thrive in their sonography careers.

DMS RESOURCE: BENEFITS OF ARDMS CERTIFICATION

Within the Diagnostic Medical Sonography field, an important step to a valuable career is obtaining your ARDMS certification. Certification through the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) offers numerous benefits to healthcare professionals, such as demonstrating a high level of competence and leading to further career advancement opportunities.

ARDMS-certified professionals are recognized for their expertise and maintain a high standard of diagnostic imaging. To learn more about the benefits of becoming ARDMS-certified and how to obtain your certifications, please scan the QR code below:



ALUMNI FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

CVT Alumni Meron Kassa Jote dedicated her hours outside of her main working hours to giving back to the EIC Community! On Wednesdays, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, she assists Dr. Tapas Bhowmik with his Echo scanning lab. She is an essential asset to the EIC community, sharing her knowledge and skills with our current DMS students.



NURSING NEWS

STUDENT-FACULTY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH CHEW AND CHATS

On October 31, 2024, the Nursing Department at Eastern International College hosted a successful "Chat and Chew" event, bringing students and faculty together for an interactive session. The event offered students a chance to engage with their instructors casually, ask questions, and gain insights into the nursing field.

Faculty members shared their professional experiences, discussed various career paths in nursing, and provided advice on succeeding in the program. The Chat and Chew aimed to foster stronger relationships between students and faculty, creating an open environment for learning and growth within the EIC nursing community.



INTERACTIVE SIMULATION DAY WITH MEDVISION

SUPPORTING STUDENTS: EXCITING LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!

This semester, the Nursing Department spearheaded two successful Simulation Demonstrations on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, and Friday, October 25, 2024. Dr. Suzanne Mullings, Dean of the EIC Nursing Department, along with senior leadership and our dedicated nursing faculty, hosted a hands-on interactive simulation day in collaboration with MedVision. This engaging event featured multiple mannequins, creating a safe and enjoyable environment for students to bridge theory and practice without risk to themselves or patients.

Participants were immersed in various realistic scenarios, utilizing both low-fidelity and high-fidelity simulations. This innovative approach enhances our students' clinical skills and supports real-world challenges in nursing.



FACULTY IN THE PRESS



NURSING - DR. SUZANNE MULLINGS, RN, MSN, PhD

Dr. Suzanne Mullings, Dean of Nursing, recently was the keynote speaker for the Bronx/Manhattan Chapter of the Caribbean American Nurses Association (CANA). This organization awarded her a scholarship 15 years ago. Reflecting on her late aunt, who inspired her involvement with CANA and her nursing career, Dr. Mullings described this as a full-circle moment. Speaking in the Bronx—a place that shaped her resilience and where her career started—she emphasized the importance of mentorship in nursing. She shared, “I hope my story inspired the scholarship recipient and others to pursue their dreams with determination and gratitude.”

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DENTAL HYGIENE - TIFFANY JANAJREH, M.S.D.H., RDH

Eastern International College's dental hygiene program has grown from offering an associate degree in 2013 to becoming New Jersey's only Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) program in 2020. Recognized nationally, the program was featured in ADEA's Bulletin of Dental Education, Volume 57, Issue 11, a prestigious publication viewed by dental educators across the county. The article, written by adjunct faculty member Tiffany Janajreh, RDH, MSDH- who has been with the college since 2018 and witnessed its growth- was selected over other applicants. This feature highlights EIC's innovative approach, rigorous academics, and unique clinical rotations with partners like West Broadway Dental, Tender Smiles, and NuvaSmile Dental Clinic. Graduating its first BSDH class in 2023, EIC continues setting the standard for dental hygiene education.

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GENERAL EDUCATION FACULTY - DR. HANY ZAKY, EdD

Dr. Hany Zaky, Director of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness, published "*Sense of Belonging and Students' Engagement in Higher Education: Investigating the Factors Shaping Medical Students' Inclusion.*" The study highlights that institutions focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion can better meet students' expectations. While students' views on belonging may not offer direct solutions, they help institutions understand what fosters inclusion and active participation in learning activities.

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STUDENT AFFAIRS SPOTLIGHT



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: NJLN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

We are thrilled to announce that Kai Ingram, a dedicated BSN student, has been awarded the prestigious Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship from the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) on October 24, 2024. This esteemed scholarship, valued at \$10,000, recognizes Kai's outstanding commitment to nursing education and excellence in the field.

The Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship honors the legacy of a remarkable nurse leader who significantly contributed to nursing education and healthcare in New Jersey.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO DH STUDENT

The Dental Hygiene department is proud to highlight Dental Hygiene student Tori Drummond's prestigious achievement of receiving the Brown Girl RDH and GEHA Solutions scholarship. Organizations such as Brown Girl RDH and GEHA Solutions support increased diversity through oral health equity scholarships.

Tori writes: "It's a blessing that organizations such as Brown Girl RDH, are making it easier for me to take my board exam without worrying so much about the costs. Being a dental hygiene student is tough, with so many expenses for school and studying."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: PREPARING DMS STUDENTS FOR CAREER SUCCESS



Eastern International College's Career Services Coordinator, Kristine Watco, and DMS Externship Coordinator, Melina Pareja, recently conducted mock interviews for DMS Capstone students. One participant, Cruz Fernandez, initially completed her A.A.S. in Diagnostic Medical Sonography at Eastern International College and returned to pursue her Bachelor's degree in the same field.

The mock interview aims to provide students like Cruz with practical experience, allowing them to hone their interview skills. This collaborative effort exemplifies EIC's commitment to equipping students with the tools needed for career success in the healthcare industry.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

COMPILED BY KRISTINE WATCO



EVERYONE HAD A BLAST, FROM STUDENTS TO EMPLOYERS, ALONG WITH KRISTINE WATCO AND MELINA PAREJA

LOCAL EMPLOYERS JOIN IN FOR THE EIC FALL FEST CAREER FAIR!

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, seven local employers visited the Eastern International College campus for our Fall Semester Career Fair. Career Fairs at EIC are held once every Fall Semester and Spring Semester. We hosted representatives from Bayada Home Health Care, Prime Healthcare, Excelsior Care Group, Prosmile, Care by Wally, and Actalent Talent Solutions.

46 Students from all three on-campus programs joined the career fair, making connections and networking with our employer partners. Program chairs, deans, and faculty members also participated, demonstrating their support by interacting with employer partners and spreading the word to their students.

Career Services welcomed students and assisted with the sign-in process. After signing in, the team provided recommendations on which employers to engage with based on their specific programs. We want to keep improving our Career Fairs to bring bigger and better employer connections to the EIC Student Community.

FALLING FORWARD INTO A NEW SEMESTER: FALL NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION, A SUCCESS!

On September 5, 2024, EIC welcomed new students in the Fall 2024 New Student Orientation. This orientation is held for all new students and includes new students from across three of our main programs: Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Nursing. The orientation is a two-part event, with the morning session dedicated to informing students about the college's mission, history, and policies. The second session focuses more on a programmatic orientation.

The morning session is a group effort from all administrative departments, led by Dr. Julius Wangiwang, President, Dr. Hany Zaky, Director of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness, and Dr. Ruhina Najem, Dean of Academic Affairs. After the morning session, students split off to their respective departments for programmatic orientation held by their department Deans and Chairs. At their programmatic orientation, they learn more about each program's specific policies and have a chance to meet the department's faculty.



EXCITED NEW STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR FREE SHIRTS WITH DR. HANY ZAKY AND DR. RUHINA NAJEM

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING SEMESTER 2025

January 16, 2025

Faculty Orientation

January 17, 2025

Orientation for New Students

January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - College Closed

January 21, 2025

Spring Semester Begins

January 31, 2025

Last Day for Add/Drop

February 17, 2025

President's Day - College Closed

March 14, 2025

Last Day to Withdraw from Spring Semester Classes

April 18, 2025

Good Friday - College Closed

May 3, 2025

Spring Semester Ends

May 5, 2025

All Final Spring Semester Grades Due to Registrar