



THE REID REPORT

Student Organization *Hands of Healing*

PREPARES for MEDICAL OUTREACH

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The Jefferson College of Health Sciences EHS-Paramedic organization, *Hands of Healing*, is preparing a trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in Spring 2005. Our mission is to provide medical aid and education to those in desperate need. The shortage of basic medical attention is overwhelming, and as healthcare providers we feel it is our duty to help.

The organization is eight students strong and trained in emergency medicine as EMT's. We are looking forward to practicing abroad and helping those less fortunate while sharpening our skills to better serve our communities at home.

Most of these students represent local rescue squads and plan to continue working in Southwest Virginia after graduation.

Our goal is to take medical supplies and hope to Hondurans who cannot afford quality health care. Many Hondurans, especially children, die from completely preventable diseases or illnesses that could be cured easily with American over-the-counter drugs.

The Honduran group facilitating the trip is Sociedad Amigos de los Ninos. The group's liaison with JCHS is Karen Maffucci, R.N., Home Care Coordinator with Carilion Health System.

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Teaching Awards

Sandra Anders, R.N., M.S.N., assistant professor of nursing, and Charles Moore, Ph.D., assistant professor of math and science, were awarded the 2003-2004 Teaching Awards by the student body. Moore was honored for his work in the classroom, and Anders was honored for her work in e-teaching in the distance learning department.



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Nursing Honor Society Seeks Sigma Theta Tau Status

The Nursing Honor Society of the Roanoke Valley (NHSRV) is an organization of nurse leaders and students who work together to foster excellence in nursing practice.

The focus of the upcoming year is to achieve chapter status of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing, to enhance the health of the communities we serve. There are over 100 members, all of whom hold bachelor's degrees in nursing or higher. The purposes of the honor society are to:

1. Recognize superior achievement
2. Recognize the development of leadership qualities
3. Foster high professional standards

4. Encourage creative work

5. Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.

Members of the Board of Directors are: Rebecca Clark, president; Lisa Allison-Jones, president-elect; Donna Bond, vice-president; Ava Porter, treasurer; Annette Strickland, faculty counselor; Penny Akers, secretary; and Ellen Harvey, Ann Montgomery, and Kay Trivett, nominating committee.

The Nursing Honor Society of the Roanoke Valley strives to meet the needs of the community of nurses though emphasis on leadership, scholarship, and practice. •