National Public Health Week is April 7-13

National Public Health Week (NPHW) can show communities how to take the first steps toward achieving good personal health and learning how public health affects their lives. Whether it’s through research, data collection, health education, policy change or direct services, public health lays the foundation and creates the conditions that put healthy choices within reach. Let’s help our communities figure out where to start and how to access the variety of options made possible by public health.

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Sponsor: Principles of Public Health (PBH 355) students

FREE HIV TESTING
Provided by the Drop-In Center
April 8th from 10:30-12:30pm

The JCHS PA Program information session will take place on Friday, April 11, from 10am to noon in Room 616

Take Back the Night is Tuesday, April 15, 2014

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Join us as we take a stand to end violence and celebrate the spirit of survival. The ceremony begins at 5:30pm in the JCHS third floor lobby, and will be followed by the 6:00pm Awareness Walk.

For more information please contact Sarah Higginbotham, Coordinator of the JCHS VOICE Program
Congratulations Wendy! The nursing department is pleased to announce that Wendy Hoke, a senior in the Traditional Pre-Licensure BSN Program, has been selected to participate in the VALOR (Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunity Residency) program this summer at the Salem VA Medical Center. This year, Salem was funded for an additional VALOR position that will be dedicated to mental health nursing, and for which Wendy was chosen. This program recognizes students with academic excellence through the provision of a paid and mentored internship. The goal of VALOR is to provide students with hands-on interdisciplinary health care experiences in a variety of healthcare settings. We are proud of Wendy for obtaining this recognition.

By Dr. Rebecca Greer, Director Pre-licensure BSN Program

Humanities and Social Sciences Holds 3rd Annual Essay Contest!
The Humanities and Social Sciences Program is holding its third annual Essay Contest for undergraduate JCHS students this semester. Submissions can be on any healthcare topic. Deadline to submit is April 10, 2014. The first place winner will receive a Barnes & Noble Nook 7" Tablet and the second place winner will get a $50 Gift Card to Barnes and Noble. Submissions should be e-mailed as attachments to Dr. Courtney Watson at cdwatson@jchs.edu.

Lab Professionals Week is April 21 - April 25!

Have you ever found “LOVE” in a microscope? We as medical laboratory professionals have! Often our significant clinical findings are very interesting. Whether our findings are white blood cells taking the form of a word or the discovery of a parasite that was unexpected, physicians and other allied healthcare professionals rely on our extensive background in diagnostic testing. During a routine differential check, we found different stages of white blood cells that looked as if they spelled out the word “LOVE.” While this did not affect the patient’s diagnosis, it was a one in a million chance finding!! Medical Laboratory professional week is where more than three hundred thousand Medical Laboratory Scientists are celebrated and honored for their work in executing and analyzing millions of laboratory tests. Medical Laboratory Scientists are certified professionally by the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). They perform a wide range of medical testing that is imperative to treating and diagnosing patients. These tests can vary in discipline and in complexity and cover subjects such as clinical microbiology, clinical chemistry, clinical immunology, and immunohematology!! Although not in the forefront of the healthcare team, laboratory professionals play vital roles in patient care.

By the JCHS MLS Class

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