

HAMILTON COLLEGE – DES MOINES GRADUATES FIRST PRACTICAL NURSING CLASS TOMORROW

Iowa State Rep. Carmine Boal (R-Iowa), Will Keynote Graduation Ceremony

Des Moines, Iowa, July 14, 2006 – Hamilton College – Des Moines today announced that it will hold a graduation ceremony tomorrow morning for its summer 2006 graduating class. Of the 163 graduates, 104 will walk. Nineteen of these students represent the school's first group to earn diplomas in Practical Nursing, which Hamilton began offering in July 2005. The ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the historic Hoyt Sherman Place manor at 1501 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines, at the intersection of 15th and Woodland.

State Rep. Carmine Boal (R-Iowa), an Assistant Majority Leader in the Iowa Legislature will keynote tomorrow's graduation ceremony. Rep. Boal noted, "I am excited to share in the success of the Hamilton 2006 graduates, many of whom have overcome personal challenges to achieve their educational goals."

"This is a proud day for all of us at Hamilton College," noted Colleen McDermott, the school's Campus President. "All of our students have bright futures ahead of them and we are honored to share this day with their families and friends."

In order to help address the state's nursing shortage, Hamilton added practical nursing diploma programs at four of its campuses last year, including Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Mason City and Des Moines. Each of the campuses can accommodate 50 -125 nursing students per year. Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Hamilton College – Des Moines expanded its facility in the Fall of 2005 by adding 8,000 square feet and a nursing lab to accommodate the program. Hamilton College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, a Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

The Des Moines campus of Hamilton College – July 2006 graduates are as follows:

Bachelor of Science in Applied Management:

Accounting Concentration
Christine Eiselstein: Johnston

Bachelor of Science in Applied Management:

Applied Management Concentration
Weslyn L. Caldwell: Des Moines
Lucrezia V. Chavez: Des Moines
Barbara Lee: West Des Moines
Gervas Mgonja: Elkhart
Sarah Mortale: Ankeny

Bachelor of Science in Applied Management:

Management of Information Systems
Tamara Coleman: Des Moines
Amber Hamilton: Ames
Sean Lair **: Grimes

John Mahundi: Urbandale
Shawn Malaney: Des Moines
Jeffrey Mulhern: Windsor Heights

Accounting Specialist

Heather Daniel: Stuart
Debbie D. Decker: Des Moines
Christopher Godfrey: Grimes
Rochelle Murphy: Grimes
Priscilla Preminger: Perry

Associate of Applied Science: Business Administration

Cheryl Anderson: Des Moines
Jenna Anderson: Ames
Ben Baringer*: Indianola
Suzette Bartleson: Cambridge
Gloria Corea: Des Moines
Janice Davis: Urbandale
Jasmina Delic: St. Petersburg, FL

Dixie Hageman: Des Moines
Lejla Hodzic: West Des Moines
William E. Jewett II: Des Moines
Jennifer Jordan: Weldon
Nicole Karnatz: Carlisle
Janice Parker: Bagley
Amy Sash: Newton
Angela Tomlinson: Ankeny
Lynn Weiss: Des Moines
Sarah West: Carlisle

Associate of Applied Science:
Criminal Justice

Julia Beekman: Des Moines
James Brant: Colfax
Bradley Burgess: Indianola
Toni Burgess: Indianola
Clint Calease : Dallas Center
Stacey Campbell: Perry
Damon Clark: Des Moines
Jacob Eganhouse: Des Moines
Cortney Eldien: Des Moines
Oscar Guevara: West Des Moines
Michael Haviland: Des Moines
Amanda Hitchcock: Altoona
Patrick Hon: West Des Moines
Zijad Jusic: Clive
Gina Rene Kern*: Runnells
Chantal LeFleur: Des Moines
Tiffani Lyons: Prairie City
Virginia Marquez: Des Moines
Ryan Martin: Des Moines
Kim Mckinney: Des Moines
Sasha Miller: Huxley
Ray Monson: Des Moines
Laura Neitzel: Des Moines
Samantha Oberholtz: Des Moins
Edwin Perez: Des Moines
Jihan Phillips : Des Moines
Enma Rodriguez: Des Moines
Allison Rowe: Des Moines
Dustin Sorensen: Urbandale
Troy Stanley: West Des Moines
Darko Valentic: Des Moines
Samantha Vos: Mitchellville
Tereasa Washington: Des Moines
Edward Wiles*: Michellville
Jared Auten: Creston
Alicia Alvarez: Queen Creek

Associate of Applied Science:
Medical Assistant

Ashley Adams: Carlisle
Tina Benshoof: Indianola
Carmen Bermudez: Des Moines
Becky Bernholtz*: Mitchellville

Tonya Boutchee: Des Moines
Jill Cataldo: Des Moines
Stephanie Cooper: Bondurant
Tanya Copic: West Des Moines
Kimberly Daniels: Des Moines
Jami Davis: Des Moines
Jennifer J. Davis: Altoona
Marisela A. Garcia: Des Moines
Sarah Garner: Ames
Angela Gordon*: Des Monies
Jenny Hamand: Des Moines
Anesa Henderson: Des Moines
Debra Houghton: Slater
Michelle R. Jackson: Ankeny
Tonya S. Jameson: Fontanelle
Jennifer Johnson: Des Moines
Tameka Johnson: Des Moines
Sarah Joye: West Des Moines
Kiley Junge: Des Moines
Thokozani Kamwanja: Urbandale
Angie Kephart: Des Moines
Jodi Koppes*: Des Moines
Renata Kramersmeier: Altoona
Christina Lane: Des Moines
Michelle Lemon: Winterset
Aretta Lenhart: Des Moines
Cindy Mackey: Des Moines
Melinda Mauldin: Windsor Heights
Lindsey May*: Newton
Troy McGruder: Des Moines
Michelle L. McKinney: Colfax
Tonya Moreno: Des Moines
Lindsey Mull: Des Moines
Kelly Myers: Nevada
Susan Parrott: Ds Moines
Alana Ponder: Des Moines
Elizabeth Poundstone: Indianola
Wendy Ripperger: Knoxville
Ebany G. Robinson: Des Moines
Jessica Lynn Ross Scovel: Altoona
Jessica A. Schlotterbeck: Des Moines
Julia Shearer: Altoona
Sandy Sprouse: Colfax
Brandi Stephenson: Des Moines
Susan Kay Tibben: Colfax
Tracie Tooley: Urbandale
Debora Vawn: Correctionville
Michelle Wamsher*: Des Moines
Susie Watkins: Des Moines
Brandi Wolff: Iowa Falls
Sheila Wood: Des Moines

Associate of Applied Science
Computer Information Systems:
Emphasis in Network Administration
Adam Anderson: Urbandale

Jeremy Bales: Des Moines
Charles Helms*: Madrid
Timothy Moss: Des Moines
Sasha Mujanovich: Des Moines
Justin Neubauer: West Des Moines
Phillip Shaka: West Des Moines
Brandon Slycord: Des Moines

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Kelly Armstrong-Knipp: Des Moines
Martin Blair: Newton
Megan Chambers: Granger
Jenny Cox: Nevada
Brittney Fitzpatrick: Urbandale
Milissa Ann Group: Prairie City
Kristi Ingram: Lovilia
Teresa Jacobe*: Winterset
Heather Johns: Malcom
Annette Kopsa: Gilman
Ashley Neddermeyer: Ankeny
Nicole Nistler: Ames
Cara Oberholtz: Guthrie Center
Michael Reddick: Des Moines
Christy Rupe: Altoona

Lisa Smith: Des Moines
Malon Toe: Des Moines
Tonya Towne: Cumberland
Kathleen Nickole Walls: Dallas

Certificate in Medical Transcriptions Technician

Lisa Briese: New Virginia
Stephanie Eyanson: Altoona
Jessica Littrell: Hartford
Ashley Ruth Molyneux: Adel
Tanica Smith: Des Moines
Kathy Winget: Pleasant Hill

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