



## GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO PERSEVERE

by Tom Fisher, CMA, BXO

When I first came to the Bonati Institute I was an extern. I was so amazed at all the different aspects of medicine that I could get involved in, such as: surgery, pre- and post-op patient care, radiology, physical therapy, medical records and blood draws. Fortunately, I got hired right after my externship to work in their clinic doing pre- and post-patient care.

Thanks to Cindy Martinez RT, Luis Lizardo BXO and Physician from the Dominican Republic, and Denise Ericson ARNP, I was able to achieve my goal of working in the Radiology and Imaging Dept. This was a special opportunity for me because they don't usually transfer employees from the surgery center to imaging. I was blessed!

It's hard to believe how far I've come from that first day at CFI to where I am now in my

career. Thank you Bonati Institute and CFI! When I first started school I didn't have a car. There were days that I had to hitch-hike to get to school. I was collecting unemployment and struggling. It was hard – not an easy thing to do! However, my classmates helped me out a lot. A classmate let me ride with them. After awhile, I got a car and a part-time job. Then, there was that moment that I wanted to quit because I was nervous to draw blood. Now, I am so good at it! So, fellow CFI classmates: "Keep your head up and don't lose sight of your goals." If I can make it, you can too!

After they transferred me, one of my fellow classmates Erik Chalkley got hired to fill the position. His words to you are, "Stay with it, study hard, it's really worth it!" For those

of you who participated in the Clearwater Fun-n-Sun parade a few years ago, we are the guys holding the toothbrush and toothpaste. Never did we think we would be working together. We also have another fellow alumni working here, Chris Pascali, Surgical Tech. He's been here for several years. You never know what life has in store for you. As for me, I am blessed and thankful. My special thanks to Ms. Millie for introducing me to X-ray and Ms. Roberts for making learning fun!



Tom & Erik at Fun-n-Sun

Tom Fisher & Erik Chalkley, MA Graduates



## WORK HAS GONE TO THE DOGS

by Dan Kinsley, ST Program Coordinator

Some of you know, some have heard, others have seen. He lumbers along with the highest intent, distractions are few and brief. His determination undeniable as he goes about his routine; this is his job. You may pass him in the hallway, or in a stairwell, even in the elevator, and with a double take... "Did I see what I think I saw?" and on to class you go. For others he enters their

office, and his presence is unmistakable and fills the room. But like a thief in the night you look away and he is gone, for in his world the job comes first. There is no time to waste on idle chitchat, for him there is a fine line between satisfaction and sorrow for all who are involved and he must finish the job. Heat or cold, rain or drought makes no difference to him, and time (See pg 2)

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## WORK HAS GONE TO THE DOGS, *con't.*

stands still when he is on. Who is this you ask... a teacher? In many ways he is a teacher. He is also a student, a friend and trusted companion.

His name is "Hunter" and he is a Scent Detection K-9 with Tampa Bay Search and Rescue. No, it's not a re-run of the Beverly Hillbillies, but yes he does look like Duke. He is five years old in human years, thirty-five in dog years; and trained to track or "trail" humans. Before he came here, he worked in Georgia with the FBI Missing Person Task Force. Now his days are often lazy and comfortable lying around the house and sleeping 20 hours a day. But when it's time to find someone lost or missing, he is always ready. His nose is a fine-tuned machine, for him the world is seen not only in color, but also in smells and scents. Much like a sponge, he pulls scents from the

and ground. Handfuls of wrinkles around his face and neck force the scent toward his nose where it is concentrated. In a group of hundreds he can pinpoint one person and tell you where they have been; and more important, where they have gone. He trains here at CFI every few months (in case you get lost on break).

So don't be surprised if you spot a Bloodhound in the hall or on the campus, it's just Hunter getting in some more practice. By the way, I'm Dan his handler and best friend. Most of you know me as Mr. Kinsley. I am the Surgical Technology Program Coordinator here at CFI. I am also a Team Leader with Tampa Bay Search and Rescue.

## MAST is here!

*By Steve Coleman,  
MA Lead Instructor*

What, or better who, is MAST? MAST is the Medical Assistant Success Team. MAST is an organization of successful 3rd, 4th and 5th term Medical Assistant students who are volunteering their time and experience as a way of helping other MA students succeed. They understand that health care is based on the concept of "team play" and they have embraced the ideal of helping other members of the CFI Medical Assistant team. They have realized that it is sometimes easier to succeed by working with others than it is to struggle alone, and they want to share the "secrets" of their success with you.

MAST can be a valuable asset to your success at CFI. The members of MAST are students just like you who genuinely care about you and your success. Be a part of what has made the Medical Assistant students of CFI some of the best to be found anywhere. Set sail with MAST.

For information on contacting members of MAST, please see Mr. Steve Coleman or Mrs. Millie McIlvaine, or talk to your individual instructors.

## Skill Refresher Clinics, *Tuesdays, Room 212*



"Stick who you want." Be prepared to go to your extern site with confidence in your abilities! The Tuesday Afternoon Skills Clinic is held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of each term from 2:45 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.

If you have any questions, please see Steve Coleman, Lead MA Instructor. Schedule is subject to change. Remember, practice makes perfect!

We want to hear from you! If you have any events, thoughts, articles, or please submit your editorial contributions to the third floor, Attn: Sondra

*Thanks,  
Sondra Cranford, Corporate Health Education Director, M.Ed*



## CFI HOSA REGIONAL COMPETITION WINNERS



*Ms. Lori Scribner, DA Program Coordinator with HOSA members, Lisa Poe and Sarah Harper*

### Congratulations to CFI HOSA Regional Competition Winners!

**Dental Terminology Category**  
Lisa Poe, DA Student

**Medical Terminology Category**  
Sarah Harper, NCT Student

### *Thought of the Day*

*"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give!"  
Winston Churchill*



## CFI STUDENTS MAKE LASTING IMPRESSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS!

Thanks to the following students who participated in the Great American Teach-In and Career Day at the following High Schools: River Ridge, Countryside, Tarpon Springs, Gulf, Land O' Lakes, Ridgewood, J.W. Mitchell, Oviedo, and Marchman Technical Education Center.

### Student Volunteers (Palm Harbor)

Janet Maxey, MA  
Christina Imperati, MA  
Julia Davis, DA  
Marilena Xipoleas, ST  
Heather Dovel, ST  
Peter Fellman, ICT  
Kathleen Duggan, MA  
Dawn Lacy Smith, ST  
Samantha Jaquez, ST  
Jamil Gadson, ST  
Pat Mazzenga, MA  
Sudabeh Dehbozorgi, MA  
Deborah Cort, DA  
Alicia Nunez, DA  
Heather Coley, DA  
Tiffanie McCracken, ST  
Michelle Haynes, ST  
Connie Kurish, ICT  
Rebecca Stanzione, DA  
Alyssa Thomas, DA  
Stephanie Tanner, DA  
Paula Ingle, MA  
Lori Kessel, ST  
Owens Gaines, MA Graduate  
Stacy Dickson, ACT



### Student Volunteers (Orlando)

Megan Martinez, DA  
Felicia Powers, CVT  
Tina Santiago, MA

Thank you so very much for volunteering your time, sharing your words of wisdom, & applying your medical skills to touch the lives of others.

*Appreciatively yours, Sondra Cranford, Corporate Health Education Director*



**CFI is working in partnership with the District School Board of Pasco County to assist with the implementation and development of their Health Career Academies.**

**River Ridge HS, Dr. Pastore's Anatomy class accompanied by Mrs. Pat Reeder, Career Specialist and Ridgewood/Marchman Health Academy Career Committee members:** Mrs. Mary Anders, Ridgewood HS Career Specialist; Ms. Kim Kirkpatrick, Ridgewood HS Social Science Teacher; and Mrs. Gwendolyn Gideon, Marchman Technical Education Center Assistant Principal; as well as Rich Wilson, ICT Instructor with CFI ICT students.



**"LIFE IS GREAT AFTER CFI! WE ARE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!"**

Thank You,  
Family Dentistry  
for hiring our Dental  
Assistant graduates  
and training our  
externs!



Jennifer Furnaro, Amy Rogers, Kristin Chase, Renee Angela Kopoulus (DA graduates)  
with Melanie Allen, DA Extern

## FEBRUARY 2007 GRADUATES

**1** It's been a tremendous experience and the knowledge I've gained has been immeasurable.  
**Kathi Kyle, Surgical Tech**

**2** CFI has prepared me for a great career in Surgical Technology.  
**Ann Pelletier, Surgical Tech**

**3** There are no words to explain the training at the school and the experience the job sets out to be! Working at Morton Plant Hospital.  
**Bchara Adwani, Surgical Tech**

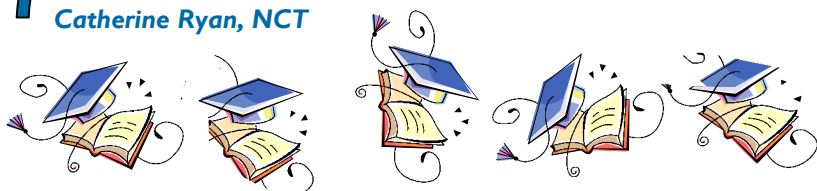
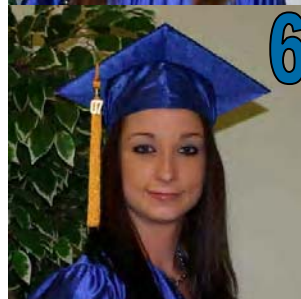
Don't stand for nothing and you'll fall for anything. Working at Eye Center of West Florida.  
**Hector Jurado, Surgical Tech**

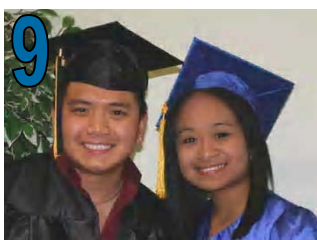
**4** What a phenomenal year! An amazing experience I will never forget. Only one program left!  
**Samantha Townsend, NCT**

**5** From the start to finish I had a great time. Met a lot of people in the medical field whose hearts are as big as the earth. These people to me are truly silent heroes. I would do it all over again.  
**Owens Gaines, MA**

**6** There is less stress in life now that I have a career—which is huge! Working at Coast Dental Homosassa  
**January Owen, DA**

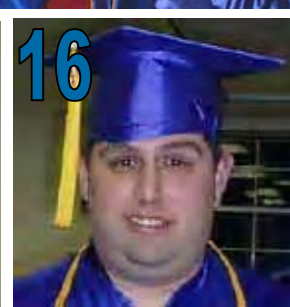
**7** CFI Orlando Spirit Award Winner, currently attending Advanced CVT in Palm Harbor.  
**Catherine Ryan, NCT**





**8** I not only got a great education. I also got a great family at CFI. Working at Oldsmar Primary Care. **Lillian Gomez, MA**

**9** To be the best—you need to learn from the best! And CFI is the best!. **Red Ang, Surgical Tech**



You learn from experience and CFI has definitely given me the experience I will never forget. **Brenda Ang, MA**

**10** I love working, get to do lots of hands-on. Working at Dr. William Goldman Slaton. **Jennifer St. Pierre, MA**

Life is like a garden—dig it! Make it work for you! Working at Dr's Wellness Clinic. **Philip Burdsal, MA**

Make your dreams happen! **Tina Zerwas, MA**

**11** Sang the National Anthem at graduation and is employed at Greenberg Dental in South Orlando. **Seranaya Lizardo, DA**

**12** I feel very good about the program and am focusing on OB-GYN. **April Hardy, MA**

I was very satisfied with the program, enjoyed the teachers as well as my classmates. Looking forward to my career in pediatrics! **A'Licia Hunter, MA**

**13** One accomplishment down! One more to conquer! **Barbara Healey, NCT**

It's been a great year! I look forward to this new year with the Echo program and the challenges it will bring. **Judith Scarola, NCT**

**14** Sisterly love! Sisters encouraging each other in higher education! **Glenda Benjamin, NCT**

**15** Right now I'm so proud of myself. It was a wonderful experience being at school and getting my training. Thanks! I'm working at Smiles of Trinity. **Ivelisse Camacho, DA with family**

**16** Hired where he externed. Working at Medical Hair Restorations, Arturo received a big promotion, whereby he and his family were relocated to Texas. **Arturo Rosas, MA**



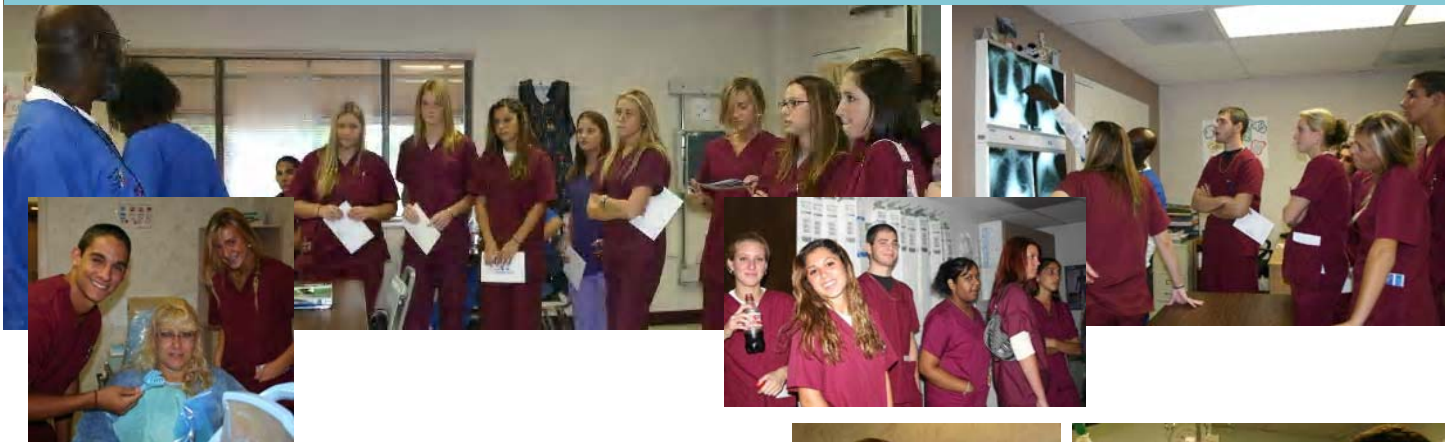
## LAND O' LAKES HIGH SCHOOL'S NATIONAL HOSA AWARENESS



*Mrs. Hulston RN, HOSA Advisor & Health Teacher with the Land O' Lakes High School HOSA club*

CFI Honorary Speakers: Jim Davis CST/COA, Surgical Tech Instructor, Lori Kessel, Surgical Tech Student, Peter Fellman, ICT Student, Paula Ingle, MA Student, Sondra Cranford, Corporate Health Education Director

## J. W. MITCHELL HS, MRS. BRUEGGER'S HEALTH CLASS VISITS CFI



## RIVER RIDGE HS, MRS. CORBIN'S CLASS VISITS CFI

## CFI-ORLANDO TEACH-IN AT OVIEDO HS





## Ultrasound Awareness Month

*by Evon Hampton, RCS, RCIS,  
Cardiovascular Program Director*

Recognizing the importance of increasing public awareness of medical ultrasound and promoting its value in health care, CFI celebrated Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month in October 2006. The Advanced Cardiovascular Technologists (ACTs) invited the Invasive Cardiovascular Technologists (ICTs) to join in their lunch celebration and it ended up being such an enjoyable social event, with the two classes mingling with each other, that it was mentioned that they should have group luncheons more often.

With ultrasound's increasing role in medicine, one of the main goals of the campaign is to provide the public with a better understanding of what ultrasound is and its many uses in health care. Central Florida Institute sponsored this effort as part of a nationwide campaign to increase medical ultrasound awareness by the American Institute of Ultra-sound in Medicine (AIUM), American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS), the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI), the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS), and the Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU).

## CFI: SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS



RITA VERMILLION, NA & CPR INSTRUCTOR WITH MRS. LOWRY'S HEALTH CLASS AT GULF HS



ACT and ICT Class Luncheon

CFI offers Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound Tech). The first class began on January 29th,



### PAMELA HIBBITS, RMA

Mrs. Hibbits joined the faculty of Central Florida Institute Orlando in November 2003 as an instructor in the Medical Assistant Program. In February 2005, she became the Faculty Coordinator responsible for planning and evaluating all programs offered at CFI Orlando. She currently teaches in the MA, NCT and DA programs. In addition, she plays a significant role in advising and mentoring instructors and students to help ensure their success.

Although Mrs. Hibbits has extensive field and practice management experience, teaching is her joy. "My passion for teaching comes from knowing the impact I have on the lives of our students and playing a role in their journey toward success. Authors leave books, architects leave buildings and bridges. I leave my heartfelt words. Someday, somewhere, someone may remember something I said that they can pass on to contribute to someone else's success. Thank you CFI for giving me a voice so I can continue to pursue my passion."

### Thank you, Ms. Roberts!

There are a great many teachers but few true role models. You have the unique gift of infusing knowledge with humor. You have personified CFI's mantra of "accommodating the needs of your students is a priority." You have made every effort to enable your students to be successful academically by providing a flexible schedule with other courses, study groups or alternately a place for individual study and forfeiting your lunch to tutor. Time is fleeting and precious; we thank you for giving us your time, knowledge, assistance and professionalism.

Your NCT Class Students

## LINDA S. ROBERTS, AHI, *Instructor/Advisor*

As a child, I didn't want to be a nurse, I didn't play school very much. However, here I am today with twenty-five years experience in the medical field and ten years in the teaching field. I find myself lucky enough to be working at the most prestigious post secondary private medical arts school in Florida.

The journey up to this point has been interesting, educational, rewarding and most of the time—just plain incredible! I held a management position at a Plasmapheresis Center that afforded me the opportunity to go to Vienna, Austria with all expenses paid. I've had positions in Cardiac Rehabilitation, a "teaching" hospital, Hospice, Pediatric Cardiologist, and in the year 2000 visited Guatemala on a medical mission.

I always share with my students that it is okay not to have a professional plan. My plan was no plan! I always left myself open

to possibilities and opportunities. Every once in awhile, I realized that it was necessary to venture out of my comfort zone—challenge myself. I've had some amazing mentors. These mentors recognized my eagerness to learn and my focus on success. These mentors became my "professional parents."

Here at CFI, I have been nominated by my colleagues for "Instructor of the Year" and I won! I have countless cards and notes from students thanking me for sharing my knowledge, challenging them, and guiding them back on the road to success when they have strayed. When I watch the students walk across the stage at graduation, I realize that it is time for them to continue on the journey to success without me. I am comforted by the thought that I have helped prepare them for the twists, turns, and dangerous curves that they may encounter on their journey.



Linda S. Roberts, AHI

My fulfillment is: knowing I have enabled them to realize their potential and be confident in their pursuit of success.

It appears that my journey is simply to assist the students for a short time on their quest for professional fulfillment and success. I am grateful everyday that my professional travels have led me to Central Florida Institute.

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