

MTSA Airways

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Ahhh.....Love!!!

Okay, okay, wait just a minute! Before all you single people start getting sick like I used to whenever Valentine's day was near, hear me out.

I'll try to spare you excessive mushiness, because just less than a year ago I too was in that spot and had been for a very, very, **very** long time. Things have changed for the better for me, though. I'm engaged to be married to my best friend of two years. The big day is this April the 13th (no, it's not on a Friday).

So naturally I'm all about being in love and being loved. To all you single people out there, it WILL happen! I had seriously resigned to fact that I would never find someone that I'd want to spend the rest of my life with, and then BAM!! my eyes were opened and I saw a true friend that had always been there for me and that I loved dearly and I just hadn't realized quite how much.

Anyway, love, whether it's for a family member, friend or significant other, is a beautiful thing. Especially when we have God's example of unconditional love to follow. When there are no strings attached it's quite liberating. When you realize that whatever you do or don't do, won't change God's love for you, it will give you such a desire to do whatever you can to please and serve God in whatever He has in mind for you. And that, I believe, is how God calls us to love each other. No strings attached, no pre-conceived ideas, just honest love and concern. I'll admit, it's no small order, but it is possible. Just think about it, if God can love us unconditionally with ALL of our flaws, dysfunctions, hang-ups and "secrets", how much more can He help us show the same love to our fellow "dysfunctional" human beings?

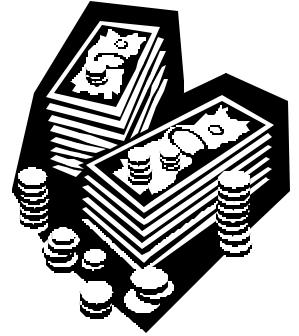
I recently read a quote from Philip Barry that stated, "I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love." I think that pretty much sums it up, don't you?



*"If there is anything
better than to be loved
it is loving."
-Anonymous*



Financial Advice - For Alumni



Now is the time to start planning for "Your 2003 Federal Income Tax Liability". Good financial planning is accomplished with a long-term plan. As you prepare to file your 2002 Federal Income Tax return, please review the amount of taxes you owed the Internal Revenue Service. These are dollars that they will spend and allocate to agencies determined by the federal government. Good financial planning provides you the opportunity to determine where and how some of your tax dollars are spent.

During my banking career working with my customers, I would communicate to them "there are two types of players in the financial arena, – one is the master and the other is the slave, which one do you want to become"? The slave is created from the lack of planning, by default the slave becomes the slave to his/her financials. Financial planning allows you to become the master of your financials and in control of your money. Your money is working for you and returning to you a good yield for your effort.

As most you are aware, MTSA has initiated a capital campaign for the construction of a new school. MTSA is a 501-C (3) corporation; therefore, contributions made to MTSA is a tax deductible contribution and will assist you in lowering your 2003 federal tax liability by directing some of your tax dollars to MTSA.

Also please review the nursing education loan repayment program website. The on-line application is available. <http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm>

Don't Forget!
We're on the web!
[Http://www.mtsa.edu](http://www.mtsa.edu)

We plan to keep you posted as to the capital campaign and the building program with our newsletter. We welcome your suggestion, comments, and most of all we need your help. You are part of the MTSA family, our alumni.

Listed below are websites to assist you with your 2003 financial planning. Please consult with a tax accountant or a financial planner for details pertaining to your financial situation.

<http://www.americasaves.org/>
<http://www.interest.com/hugh/calc/>
<http://www.moneyadvisor.com/calc/>
<http://www.1040.com/>
<http://www.turbotax.com/>

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Interview Review

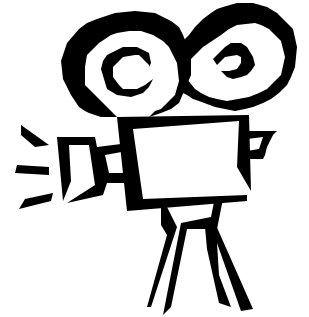
We would like to say a big thank you to the board members, alumni, faculty, students and everyone else that helped with the interviews.



There is a total of 49 applicants that have been accepted. 30 from the early interviews and 19 from the interviews just conducted this past January. Congratulations to all accepted!!

Names of applicants accepted will be posted in the months to come.

Spotlight On ...



... Russ Branch

Russ is originally from Southern Illinois and was working in the trauma division at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center as a nurse practitioner prior to coming to MTSA.

He has a rat terrier as a companion and likes to take road trips for fun. He sees himself working in a small rural hospital somewhere in 5 years from now.

- Dream Car: All Hondas
- Dream Vacation: Europe
- Favorite Music: Dance, Country, R&B
- Favorite Movie: Grease
- Chocolate or Vanilla: Vanilla
- Coke or Pepsi: Diet Coke
- Beach or Mountains: Both
- Khakis or Blue Jeans: Khakis
- Cat or Dog: Both

Advice for Classmates: "Don't give up, don't fall behind, do something fun now & then!"

... Cara Litchfield

Cara is a native of Nashville, TN and was working at Vanderbilt SICU as a staff RN before she decided to come join the ranks at MTSA.

She is married, has one dog, one cat and one brother. For fun, she likes to shop and spend time with friends and family. In 5 years from now she sees herself still working in the Nashville area.

- Dream Car: Defender 90 - Landrover
- Dream Vacation: A Tropical Island
- Favorite Music: Variety- Country, Rock
- Favorite Movie: The Little Mermaid
- Chocolate or Vanilla: Chocolate
- Coke or Pepsi: Coke
- Beach or Mountains: Beach
- Khakis or Blue Jeans: Jeans
- Cat or Dog: Both



Advice for Classmates: "Just don't give up - be persistent"



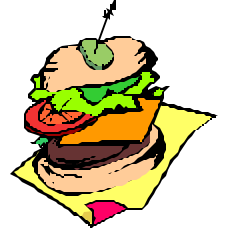
"Every man has three characters: that which he shows, that which he has, and that which he thinks he has."

-Alphonse Karr

Fast Food - A Quick and Easy Recipe for Busy People

Portobello & Onion Sandwich - Serves 2

- 3 Tablespoons Olive Oil
- 1/2 Medium Onion, cut lengthwise into thin slices
- 2 Medium Portobello Mushrooms, stemmed and cut into 1/2 inch thick slices
- 1/2 Teaspoon chopped fresh or dried Rosemary
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 4 Thick slices Italian Bread
- 2 Tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar



Heat a large frying pan over medium-high heat and add the oil, spreading it so that it evenly coats the bottom of the pan. When the oil is hot, add the onions and mushrooms and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions soften, about 6 minutes. Add the rosemary and cook 1 minute more. Season with salt and pepper.

Divide the mushroom and onion mixture between 2 pieces of the bread and drizzle 1 Tablespoon of balsamic vinegar over it. Top with the remaining piece of bread and serve immediately.

"A good eater must be a good man; for a good eater must have a good digestion, and good digestion depends upon a good conscience."
-Benjamin Disraeli

Noteworthy Dates

February Dates

- 1 - Chinese New Year
- 2 - Groundhog's Day
- 11 - Thomas Edison's Birthday
- 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 - End of Quarter
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 17 - President's Day
- 22 - George Washington's Birthday

March Dates

- 2 - Read across America Day
- 4 - Mardi Gras
- 5 - Ash Wednesday
- 8 - International Women's Day
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 21 - Vernal Equinox

Noteworthy Birthdays

Birthdays In February

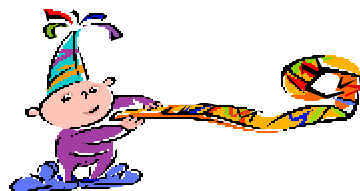
- 1 - Lenee Greer
- 10 - George May
- 14 - Dorian Grunig
- 15 - Deana Barlow
- 15 - Scot Boehm
- 17 - Cheril Nelson
- 21 - David Partee
- 22 - Jason Wilson
- 23 - Scottie Smith

Birthdays in March

- 3 - Joannie Summers
- 5 - Lynn McInerny
- 6 - Marti Hines
- 8 - Ikey DeVasher(f)
- 10 - Melanie Francis
- 17 - Michael Mwasumbi
- 18 - Dr. Rob Taylor(f)
- 19 - Brandy Elliot

"One of the many things nobody ever tells you about middle age is that it's such a nice change from being young."

-Dorothy Canfield Fisher



**Go Ahead...
Have your cake ...
And eat it too!**



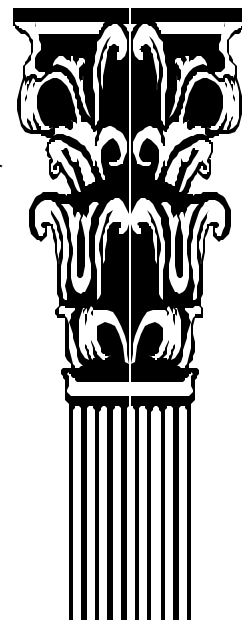
The Athena Award Program

This is a program designed to recognize, encourage and celebrate the achievements of women in business and their professions, the ATHENA Award honors those women who have attained and personify the highest level of excellence.

Each year, more than 20 women from across Middle Tennessee are nominated for their embodiment of the ATHENA spirit. Each exemplifies leadership to women and women's issues, but only one will receive Nashville's 2003 ATHENA Award.

We are proud to announce that our very own Ikey DeVasher has been nominated for this very prestigious award. The first step in this journey is a 3 minute oral presentation that will be videotaped on January 30, 2003. The actual award ceremony dinner will be held at the Parthenon in Nashville on March 27, 2003.

Best Wishes to Ikey! We're all cheering for you!



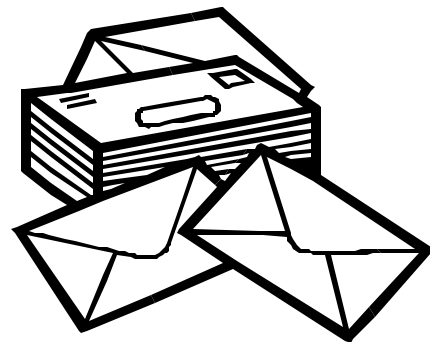
*"Better keep yourself clean
and bright; you are the
window through which you
must see the world."
-George Bernard Shaw*



Change in Newsletter Mailings

Hopefully starting with next month's issue, this newsletter will be available on our website at www.msta.edu. As soon as we get it "web-ready" we will not be automatically mailing everyone a newsletter. So what I need you to do is, IF and only if you still would like a physical newsletter mailed to your door, please call the school at 615-868-6503 and ask for Karin, or you can e-mail me directly at karin@mtsa.edu and let me know that you still want one mailed to you and I'll start a list (and check it twice!).

Thanks so much!



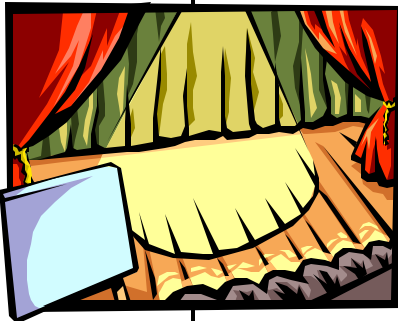
Appreciating the Performing Arts

Here again, is the current schedule of the performing arts in Nashville:

*"Art is an attitude toward life. If you aim your work and your life high, keep your scene harmonious, then you're an artist and your life is art."
-Gage Taylor*

TPAC (Operas, Ballets, Musicals)

- 2/06-15 - "Proof"
- 2/07 - Nashville Ballet - "Rites & Passages"
- 2/21 - "Forces of Nature" - Rhythm Legacy
- 2/25-3/2 - Musical - "Contact"
- 2/27 - 3/02 - Nashville Opera - "Porgy & Bess"
- 3/12 - 3/23 - "The Taming of the Shrew"
- 3/22 - Ballet - "Peter and the Wolf"
- 3/27-4/5 - "Betrayal"
- 4/22-27 - Musical - "42nd Street"
- 4/27 - Nashville Ballet - "Robin Hood"
- 5/13 - Musical - Bring in Da Noise - Bring in Da Funk
- 5/14 - 5/25 - "Evita"
- 6/10-15 - Musical - "The Music Man"



Andrew Jackson Hall (Classical Music)

- 2/14 - Valentine's Special - Air Supply
- 2/21 - Mozart & Tchaikovsky - Emanuel Ax
- 3/14 - Brahms & Adams
- 3/28 - Impassioned Sibelius
- 4/18 - Missa Solemnis
- 5/02 - Beethoven - Mozart - Adams

*"After silence that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music."
-Aldous Huxley*



Employment Opportunities



3 CRNA Positions available in Gulf Coast. Fax or E-mail your CV and a list of three professional references with telephone numbers, ATTN: Dr. Garcia, Fax **(850)626-3448** or e-mail:

dr_garcia@aol.com or contact Ms. Shannon Misner at **(850)626-3303 ext. 1007** or e-mail: **smisner@santarosamri.com**

Full time CRNA position open in northwestern Alabama at the Helen Keller Hospital. For more info contact Jonathan Snell, Anesthesia Director at **(256)386-4482** or Amy Williams, Employment Coordinator/Recruiter at **(256)386-4677**.

www.helenkeller.com

Anesthetist is needed to join a group of MDs and CRNAs. Located in the Triangle of TN three major cities—Nashville, Knoxville & Chattanooga. Call **(352)369-6316** or E-mail **HypnosAnesthesia@aol.com** for further info.

Two permanent CRNA positions available on the Florida Gulf Coast. For more info contact Linda Davis, Assistant Business Manager at **lwdavis@knology.net**

Flex Shift and Fixed Shift positions available in Chattanooga, TN. Contact Tabitha Ryan at **(423)698-3309** or E-mail: **Tryan@anesasoc.com**

3 Anesthetist positions available in Gainesville, Ga. Posting #3798 at <http://www.gaswork.com/>. Send Resume via fax; **(770)534-1312** or E-mail: **Michelle1@aol.com**

Full time position open in the New Orleans area, in Florida near Disney and in Kentucky. Interested in any of these please contact Dan O'Callahan at **(888)865-1181** or E-Mail CV to **prhealth@stis.net** or fax CV to **(866)340-3033**

Position open in Honolulu, Hawaii. Call **(888)621-1737** or **KPHawaii.jobs@kp.org**

Opportunities available at Memorial Health Systems. For more information contact Rae Jeanne Gossman by phone **(877)676-6423**, by fax **(386)676-6196** or by E-mail **raejeanne.gossman@memorial-health.com**

2 CRNA positions available at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY. For more info contact Christine Thomas RN by phone **(270)444-2934** by fax **(270)444-2583** or by E-mail at **cthomas@lourdes-pad.org**

Positions available at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA. Contact Jim Masiongale, CRNA, MHS by phone **(706)721-0115**, by fax **(706)721-7753** or by E-mail **Jmasiong@mail.mcg.edu**. Job 2631 on **gaswork.com**

CRNA needed in Washington State. Contact Dianna Crocker at **(866)292-2663** or E-mail: **Bjbmecial@aol.com**

Positions available in New Orleans, LA. Contact Amy Moga, CRNA Recruiter at **(866)292-4747** or "Apply Yourself" online 24 hours a day at **www.ochsner.org/employment**

Opportunities at Quincy Anesthesia Associates, P.C.. Please contact Gene Corbett by Phone **(800)229-9759** by fax **(636)587-2717** or by E-mail: **genec1@mindspring.com**

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*Full-time CRNA position in Washington, DC suburbs (Maryland) Level II Trauma Center. Call 301-618-6100 for interview or fax resume to 301-618-2892.

*STAFFTOPIA is a healthcare placement group in Boise, ID. Phone: 877-208-3131 Fax: 815-642-0347 E-mail: **davidm@stafftopia.com** or **www.stafftopia.com**.

*CRNA needed in Western North Carolina. To learn specific details, please call 1-800-576-9629. **www.provdoc.com**

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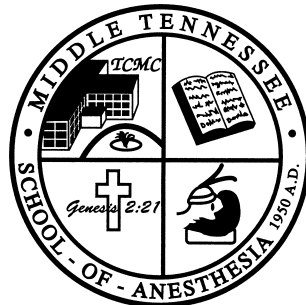
"What a man thinks of himself, that it is which determines, or rather indicates, his fate."

-Henry David Thoreau

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