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**“EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES”  
2010 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR**

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Mark your calendars for the 2010 annual employee benefits fair scheduled for Wednesday, October 20th from 1:00-4:00 in Belk Dining Hall. Our theme this year will be Explore the Possibilities. Additional details to follow in the October newsletter. We hope you will come and learn more about all of the great benefit options Meredith College has to offer. You will also have opportunities to win some fabulous door prizes.

Mark your calendars now!

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**SAVE ON YOUR WIRELESS BILL**

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Verizon Wireless offers Meredith College Employees a 6% discount on wireless service. Visit [www.verizonwireless.com/discounts](http://www.verizonwireless.com/discounts) to sign up. You must use your Meredith work e-mail address to request this discount. Forms for this discount may be also requested from your local Verizon store (please note it can take 2- 3 billing cycles for discount to become effective.) This discount applies to both existing and new accounts.

**The College was be closed in observance of Memorial, Monday, September 6th. Please record the hours for this day under “other hours” on your timecard.**

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**Quail Ridge Books & Music is offering Meredith College Faculty & Staff 25% off a one –time purchase. Offer expires Sept. 30, 2010. Coupons are needed and can be picked up in the HR Of-**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Recent changes to the FMLA now allow non-traditional parents to be recognized? This allows us to amend our Domestic Partnership Benefits Policy to include FMLA leave options. Recent revisions to our Tuition Remission policy have also added benefits for domestic partners and their dependents. For more information, please see the HR web page at <http://www.meredith.edu/humres/policies.htm>.”
- The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) now also includes options for military members and their families are who preparing for deployments or recovering from injuries sustained in active duty. Please see the HR web page at <http://www.meredith.edu/humres/leave.htm> for more information.



## CHANGES TO BCBS PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE

Effective October 1, 2010, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) is implementing the following changes to our prior review/certification requirements for certain prescription drugs and our restricted-access drug list. All of the drugs listed below are covered as part of a member’s prescription drug benefit.

All users of the following drugs will be subject to the new prior review/certification requirement:

- o Naproxen/esomeprazole (Vimovo®) – for chronic arthritis conditions in patients at risk of gastric bleeding
- o Dalfampridine (Ampyra®) – used to improve walking in patients with multiple sclerosis
- o Antinarcotic Agents (Provigil®, Nuvigil®) – for certain wake-sleep disorders

New users of the following drugs will be subject to the new prior review/certification requirement:

- o Disease-modifying drugs for multiple sclerosis (Betaseron®, Extavia®, Avonex®, Rebif®, Copaxone®)
- o Oral drugs for pulmonary arterial hypertension (Letairis®, Tracleer®, Revatio®, Adcirca®)
- o Cyclosporine ophthalmic (Restasis®) – for moderate to severe dry eyes

Members using one of the nonpreferred brand-name tetracyclines (Doryx® or Solodyn®) will be required to have their physician submit written certification to BCBSNC stating that the member has previously tried at least one of the preferred medications.

Participating providers were notified of these changes in July. BCBSNC will mail letters to impacted members in early September. Because prior review/certification will only be required for **new users** of the drugs listed in the second bulleted item above, no member notification will be sent to members who are already taking one of these medications.

# COMINGS AND GOINGS



## **We welcome the following staff:**

- \*Charley Bunyea: Circulation Assistant, Carlyle Campbell Library
- \*Tammy Holleman: Assistant Athletic Trainer, Athletics
- \*Nicholas Maness: Security Officer, Campus Police
- \*James Nickerson: Security Officer, Campus Police
- \*Kimberly Scavone: Head Softball Coach, Athletics
- \*Richard Talach: Security Officer, Campus Police

## **We bid farewell to the following staff:**

- \*Tara Brannon: Director-Advancement Stewardship, Institutional Advancement
- \*Gardner Kirkland: Departmental Assistant, Foreign Languages & Literature
- \*Marina Offner: Admissions Counselor, Admissions

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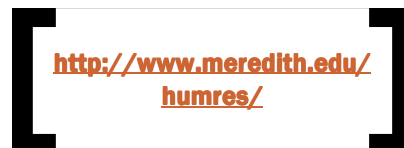
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