

Juniors Molly Bletz, Shalisa Brubaker, Joanna Haqq, Erin Hench, Sarah Henningsen, Katie Hoffsmith, Marla Sensi and Meagan Wademan; Sophomores Kelsey Gorman, Rachel Loya, Autumn Reilly, Olivia Scott, Jessica Shirk, Leah Sipe and Lisa Wingard; and Freshmen Stephanie Andrews, Tannia Nieto, Elizabeth Phillips, Anne Trapp and Corinne Wulf. Assistant coaches and athletic trainers include: Todd Balsbaugh, Maggie Futato, Bethany Sauer, Sandy Bush and Jason Besse.

Later that same evening, the men's team defeated Calvin College in a 2–0 victory, making them an unprecedented 7–0 in national championship game appearances. Senior goalkeeper Jared Clugston was named defensive player of the tournament, while junior Geoff Pezon was named the offensive player. Trey Overholt and Derek Black both joined them on the all-star team.

Remaining players on the men's team include: Seniors Brett Faro, Jevon Gondwe, Josh Mull and Calvin Todd; Juniors Jon Burke, Sean Cunningham, Kyle Fulks, Mark Jeschke, Keaton Kasiguran and Nick Thompson; Sophomores Trevor Lee, Kent Ramirez, Tom Renko, Jordan Sands, Danny Thompson and Sam Woodworth; and Freshmen Jake Berry, JP Fulton, Luke Helmuth, Dan Squire, Logan Thompson and Joshua Wood. Assistant coaches, managers and athletic training staff include: Aaron Faro, Troy Sauer, Dustin Shambach, Ken Heck, Gerard Marrone, and Beau Herndon.

It is with great pride that I congratulate these two outstanding teams, led by head coaches Scott Frey and Brad McCarthy. The teams, coaches, faculty and students at Messiah College have much to be proud of with both their commitment to academics and this remarkable display of athletic excellence.

I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 1030.

IN COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL NURSE ANESTHETIST WEEK: JANUARY 24–30, 2010

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize that this week of January 24–30, 2010, is National Nurse Anesthetist Week and want to acknowledge the high quality health care that Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) provide in my district and to patients around the U.S.

Nurse anesthetists have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for nearly 150 years and are anesthesia professionals who safely administer approximately 32 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States. They are the primary anesthesia providers in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services. In some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of the rural hospitals. Without CRNAs, America's seniors would lack the care they need since CRNAs predominate where more Medicare patients reside.

Furthermore, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: tradi-

tional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management specialists; and U.S. military, Public Health Services, and Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities.

In fact, nurse anesthetists have been the main providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military men and women on the front lines since WWI, including current conflicts in the Middle East, and they are currently providing much needed care to patients in Haiti as they seek to recover from the recent devastating earthquakes.

Not only do they provide high quality anesthesia care in rural and medically underserved areas, they do so cost-effectively. It is no surprise that health plans increasingly recognize CRNAs for providing high-quality anesthesia care to patients, and for helping to control healthcare costs without cutting corners. In a time of escalating health care costs, it is important to note that the cost-efficiency of CRNAs helps control escalating healthcare costs.

In my own congressional district, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is home to one of America's 108 accredited nurse anesthesia educational programs. The people of my community appreciate the very fine work of this institution, and the care provided by SIUE's CRNAs across central and southern Illinois and around the country.

For CRNAs across the U.S. and those serving our nation in the Armed Forces, I commend you for your work as a profession and your passion for patients.

COMMENDING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA).

Ever since the Louisiana Constitution of 1852 reauthorized the establishment of Louisiana's first seminary of learning by stipulating that it would be located in Rapides Parish, LSUA has shared a rich and historical legacy with Louisiana State University. On January 2, 1860, Louisiana's pioneer public higher education institution opened its doors in Central Louisiana.

LSUA saw its beginning in 1959, when the Louisiana State Legislature approved the establishment of a two-year commuter college to serve the residents of this region. In 1960, LSUA registered its first students, and in 1964 established the first degree program, an Associate in Nursing degree.

Today, more than 3,000 nurses have earned their degrees at this institution, and the school currently boasts a 100 percent employment rate of graduate nurses.

At the beginning of the new millennium, the Louisiana State Legislature voted to expand college access in one of the most educationally underserved areas of Louisiana by pro-

viding students with the opportunity to earn baccalaureate degrees from LSUA. Since there were students at LSUA who had completed upper-level course work through LSU Senior College, LSUA was able to produce its first bachelor's degree graduates in December 2003.

LSUA's transformation into a four-year university resulted in its being Louisiana's only public college focused exclusively on undergraduate education. LSUA continues to offer access to affordable associate and bachelor's degrees and challenges students to seek excellence in their studies and lives.

Nowadays, LSUA plays an integral role in the business community providing specialized training through continuing education programs. Moreover, this institution is a vital component of Central Louisiana's identity through the involvement of its faculty, staff, administrators, and students in community activities. In addition, former students and graduates of LSUA have fulfilled productive and rightful leadership and citizenship roles in business, industry, the arts, science, education, the military and government.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing LSUA for its exceptional contributions and remarkable influence on higher education, and the community at large, in Central Louisiana. As it celebrates its 50th year of service to Louisiana, LSUA looks to the future as it strives to become a university of choice for Louisianans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTT PIERCE FOR RECEIVING THE POLLIN AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Scott Pierce of Fairfax, Va. for receiving the Pollin Award, honoring outstanding dedication to one's community. The Pollin Award is named after the late Abe Pollin and his wife, Irene, noted philanthropists and chairpersons of the Washington Wizards and the Verizon Center.

Scott received the Pollin Award on January 20, 2010 for his tireless efforts on behalf of youth in his community. Over the years, Scott has served on the Board of Directors for both Fairfax Fall Ball and the 17th District American Legion Baseball, and he coached numerous players in Fairfax Little League, Mantua Basketball and Mantua Swim.

Youth sports provide a tremendous opportunity for our children to learn teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship. Constructive activities provide a healthy alternative for our children's time and are an effective deterrent to more destructive behavior, such as participation in gangs. Coaches like Scott Pierce provide invaluable mentoring to our children, and are vital in helping them become productive members of society.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in congratulating Scott Pierce for this important recognition. I thank him for his dedication to our children and for making Northern Virginia a better place.