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Our Lady of the Lake College, West Jefferson Campus, Holds First Pinning and Awards Ceremony

Marrero, LA., November 3, 2008. Our Lady of the Lake College at West Jefferson Medical Center is holding the Pinning Ceremony for the initial class of nursing students in the Accelerated Nursing Program. The Pinning will be held on Friday, November 7, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the West Jefferson Medical Center Fonseca Auditorium located on the first floor of the hospital. Members of this inaugural West Bank accelerated nursing Class of 2008 will graduate in December of this year with Accelerated Associate of Science in Nursing Degrees.

The West Bank program was formed through a partnership with West Jefferson Medical Center. The program was developed as a means for individuals with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree to have an access to a nursing career. Students are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses after about a year of intensive study.

“It’s an exciting time for us,” said Chief Nurse Executive Theresa Anderson, RN, MS, FACHE. “We can hardly wait to have them join our hospital family as graduate nurses. They will make a wonderful addition to our team. This program offers a great opportunity to degree holders who are thinking about changing professions and looking for a second career. It opens a window to a challenging but ultimately rewarding future.”

The Nursing Pinning Ceremony serves as a bridge from nursing’s past to nursing’s future. Each pin is unique to the particular nursing school. “These students were mentored by members of West Jefferson Medical Center’s gracious nursing staff. They have successfully completed many intense hours of study and have earned the right to wear their school pin with pride. It has been my pleasure to help them grow,” said Our Lady of the Lake Accelerated ASN Program Campus Director, Jane Savage, PhD. “I look forward to graduation and to the day when this class is ready to serve as mentors.”