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**COLLEGE OF THE DESERT CELEBRATES NURSING GRADUATES**

PALM DESERT, CA—College of the Desert (COD) will celebrate the newest nursing graduates at a colorful pinning ceremony on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the McCallum Theatre. Approximately 40 students have earned the Associate Degree in Nursing and are now eligible to take the licensing examination to become registered nurses. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m.

Addressing the students and guests at the ceremony will be Carol Scobie, Interim Director, Nursing and Allied Health. Joel L. Kinnamon, Ed.D., Superintendent/President, will speak about the importance of the College's nursing program to the Coachella Valley. While students are pinned by COD Nursing Assistant Professor Sarah Fry, Health Sciences Counselor, Ana Stockwell and Nursing Associate Professor Anna Reber-Franz will read comments from the students thanking friends and family for their support. Students will recite the nurse's pledge led by Nursing Instructor Lisa Kinsey.

The nursing program at College of the Desert has a proven track record of excellence. Fifteen local medical facilities and all three valley hospitals partner with the College to provide nursing students with clinical requirements to graduate. The faculty in the program set high educational standards to ensure students are successful transitioning into the workforce. Most graduates stay in the Coachella Valley to care for local residents.

For more information, contact COD Health Sciences at 760.773.2579.

**About College of the Desert:**

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 14,000 credit students and 1,000 non-credit students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit [www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu).

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