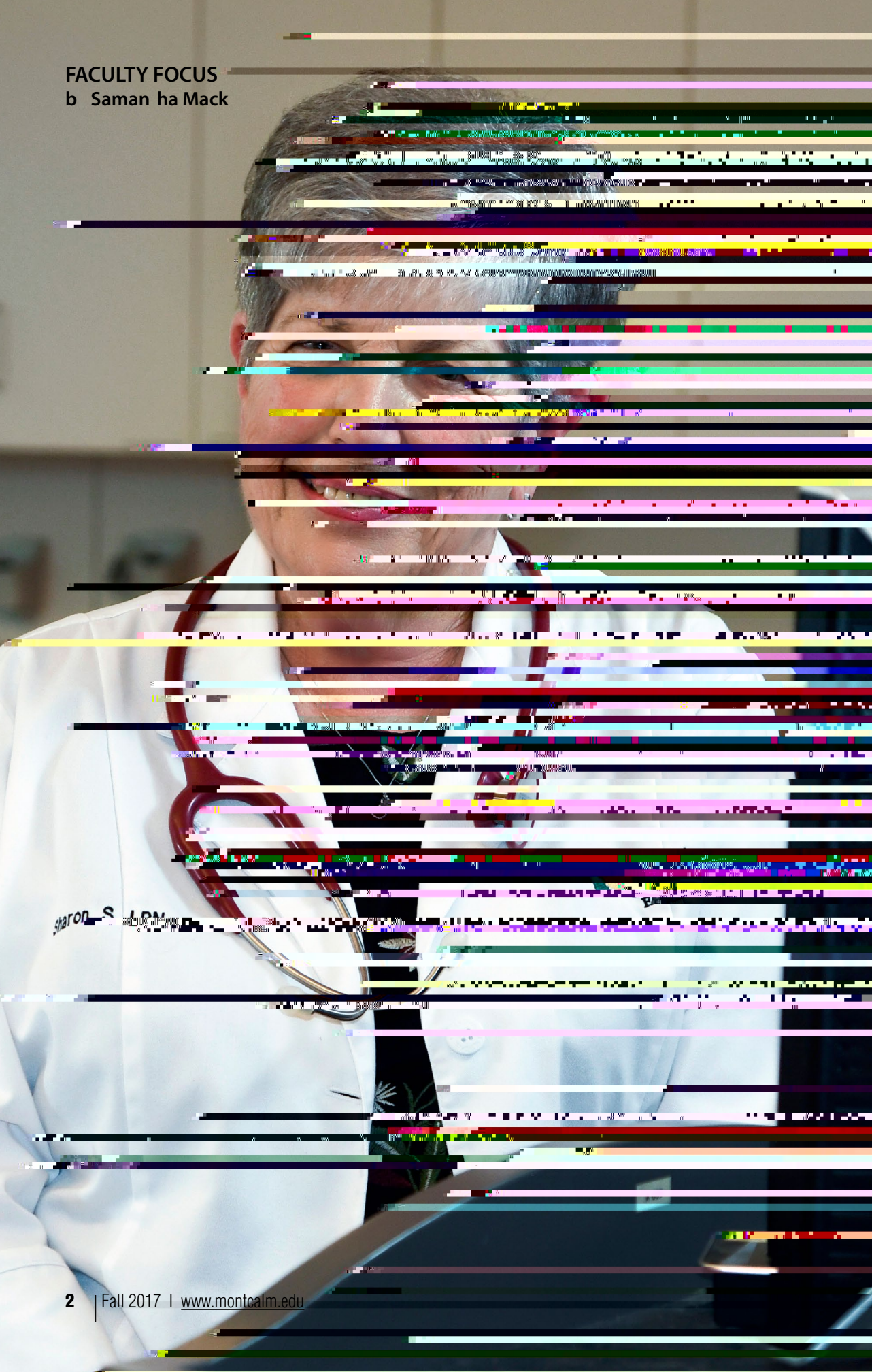


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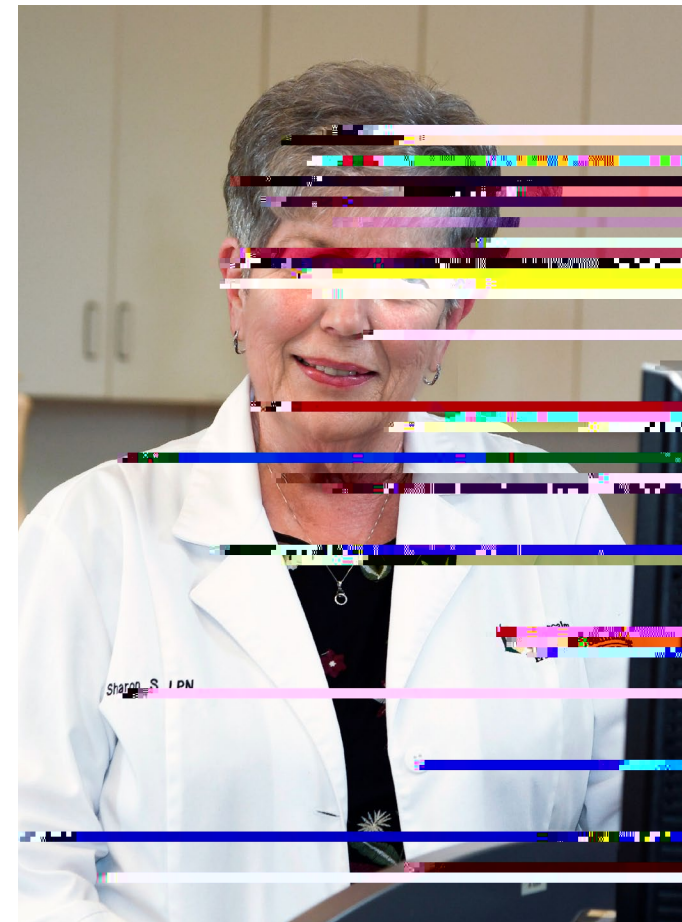
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**S**haron Schafer utilizes 60 years of nursing experience in the classroom at Montcalm Community College, where she has been a part-time nursing instructor for 15 years.

“I always loved learning and was interested in it,” she said. “I had to train younger people on the job as I got older, so becoming an instructor was a natural fit.”

Schafer has enjoyed taking care of people since she was 15.

“I did a lot of babysitting when I was young,” she said. “When I got a working permit in 1957 and started working at Carson City Hospital, now Sparrow Carson Hospital. Four older ladies showed me what to do on the job.”

Schafer graduated from Saint Mary’s High School in Carson City in 1960 and earned her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certificate from Lansing Community College in 1961. She worked in every unit within the hospital, learning the ins and outs in obstetrics, pediatrics, the emergency room and more.

“I have seen numerous changes in the medical field over the last 60 years,” she said.

“You have to have a good attitude to be in nursing,” she added. “The job requires a lot of hard work and teamwork.”

Schafer teaches Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) and Medical Assistant courses

at Montcalm Community College.