College Running for the Money

Gaston College is taking part in the Community Foundation’s “Run for the Money” fundraising event that will take place on April 17 starting at 8:00 am at the Rotary Pavilion, Downtown Gastonia. Community volunteers, donors, and businesses will unite to support over 100 local non-profits in Gaston County. Community volunteers, donors, and businesses will unite to support over 100 local non-profits in Gaston County. Doug Bradley, Instructor/Coordinator, Business and Industry, East Campus, and his family are our runners in the 5K event and Dr. Jesus Medina, Instructor, Health/Physical Education has recruited over 100 faculty, staff, and student runners and walkers who will also be participating. Other activities on April 17 include great music, Healthy Kids Zone, a karaoke competition, non-profit display booths and lots of awards!

Members from the Academia Nuts Band, Kimberly Wyont, Amy Weisgerber, Marilyn Platt and Jill Coy will be representing the College in the karaoke competition performing “Money, Money, Money” from Mama Mia to fit Gaston College. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to come and vote for them! Monica Phillips, Director/Instructor, Therapeutic Massage Program and the Therapeutic Massage students will also be there giving free chair massages during the event which runs until noon. The Gaston College booth returns thanks to the leadership and creativity of Jackie Ammons and Steve Hall and the maintenance crew. This year’s theme is “Make Gaston College Your Future” and will include a fortune teller, wheel of future, and other activities. All volunteers, runners, and walkers will be wearing special “Make Gaston College Your Future” t-shirts, designed by Debbie Bowen, Graphic Design Specialist. If you would like to volunteer to set-up or help man the booth, contact Jackie Ammons.

The “Run for the Money” matching gift promotion runs through April 23 ending at 5:00 pm. All gifts designated for Gaston College will be matched by an as yet undetermined percentage if received by this date. Dr. Harry Cooke, Director of Libraries, is heading the fundraising portion of the college’s participation this year. “This is a great opportunity for us to help students and make our money go further as the Community Foundation will match our gifts up to $10,000”, he comments.

Last year the Foundation netted over $6,000. Our goal is to meet or exceed last year’s total. Supporters of the college raised $4,025 and the Community Foundation provided a match of $2,012. Funds raised this year will go to the Student Academic Emergency Fund.
In Memory
Dr. Nellie McCrory
12/1/39 – 1-30-2010

This issue of Inside Gaston is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Nellie McCrory who recently passed away at the age of 70.

Dr. McCrory grew up in Frisco City, AL and received her bachelor’s degree from Livingston State College, now University of West Alabama. She earned her master’s and doctor of education degrees at The University of Alabama. She was active in First United Methodist Church of Gastonia. She taught in the English Department at the College from 1972 until 2006 and became department chairman in 1989. Her relatives donated her book collection to the Gaston College Library. Most will be found at the new East Campus location.

Did You Know?

More than 300 people attended the 2010 James Biggers and Friends Art Exhibit Reception sponsored by The Minority Affairs Committee. Stephanie Michael-Pickett, Director, Marketing & Public Relations, would like to thank everyone who assisted with the planning and implementation of this event.

Students can apply for 2010-2011 Gaston College Scholarships online from the college’s website using the STARS Program (Scholarship Tracking and Review System) through May 3.

The College has recycled 30,146 pounds of paper, 3,020 pounds of plastic and 280 pounds of aluminum since November of 2008. Danny Sorrells, Supervisor, Housekeeping, and the Housekeeping Staff send special thanks to everyone for using the containers and making our “Go Green” initiative successful.

The Campus Café is now operating with two cash registers. A second register was opened recently that will accept “cash only” purchases to cut the waiting time.

The Gaston College Foundation received three Mini-Grant applications last quarter and all were awarded. The following projects were funded: Gaston College Tours for Bessemer City High School Students, requested by Amy Weisgerber, Assistant/Coordinator, Educational Partnerships; Anatomy & Physiology in EMS Curriculum, requested by Michael Keller, Instructor, Department for EMS Education; and Professional Development/Training Opportunities, requested by Todd Baney, Director, Human Resources and Safety. The committee will meet over the next few weeks to review the current applications. The next deadline to submit Mini-Grant applications will be June 1. Submit to the Development Office, attention: Emily Dalton. The application has been updated and is located on the employee intranet under Forms.

The work of artist Ginny Boyd “Fragile as Barbed Wire” - Southern Garden Club meets Pillars of Society, will be featured during Women’s History Month through April 16 in the Jeanne Rauch Gallery. Her exhibit will feature colorful collages and mixed media. Gallery hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Ervin Sims, Instructor, World Civilization on the Lincoln Campus, recently published a novel, End of the Age: The Ascendent. For more information on the book you can visit Ervin’s blog at www.biglakepublications.blogspot.com.
Department for EMS Education Purchases Ambulance

Kent Spitler, Director, Department for EMS Education, and Dr. Patricia Skinner, President, stand in front of the department’s new ambulance. Some $97,000 in state appropriated allied health funds were received to purchase the unit for training and education in the EMS Paramedic Curriculum Program, part of the Health Education Institute. The ambulance functions as a mobile laboratory providing learning opportunities to supplement traditional class and clinical experiences.

Congratulations to...

Jackie Ammons, Instructor/Coordinator, Childcare Workforce Development/Teacher Renewal, who was recognized as the United Way “Loaned Executive of the Year” at United Way’s Annual Meeting/Banquet on February 19 at Gaston Country Club.

Orlando Angeles, Director of Facilities Management, who was selected to represent Gaston College in a green building training opportunity. Recently the College was awarded a 2010 Green Building 101 Technical Assistance Grant. Fifteen grants of up to $2000 were awarded by the nonprofit Second Nature to provide building professionals working on campus facilities projects at under-resourced institutions with training in ‘green building.’

Paula Dedmon, Science Instructor, who has started an online science discussion forum entitled, “Charlotte Area Educational Consortium Science Forum.” To join the CAEC online forum contact Paula Dedmon.

Ethel Glenn, Assessment/Retention Specialist, Life Skills, who was selected to serve on the subcommittee assigned to customize the NRS Manual to an NC NRS Manual.

Debra Hissom, Chief GED Examiner/Testing Coordinator, Life Skills, who was selected as a member of the NCCCS Basic Skills Training and Assessment Subcommittee.

Leah Mackey, Basic Skills Assistant Coordinator, Life Skills and Becky McLain, Director, Life Skills, for developing and submitting the English Literacy/Civics Education Grant, which was funded for $16,850 to implement civics education into the 20 ESL sites in our service area.

Staff Senate Corner

The Staff Senate Nominating Committee is seeking Senate nominations to serve a 2 year term from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. Meetings are held once a month. For more information, or to be nominated for a senate seat, contact Ben Dungan or Doug Bradley.

Staff Senate plans to welcome new, full-time staff members hired after January 1 to the College by sending a personal greeting from a senate member and a post card to redeem a complimentary ice cream cone from the Dallas Dairy Queen or other welcome gift.

Approximately 40 staff members attended Staff Senate’s Professional Day in March. The Senate would like to thank Savonne McNeill, Chief Technology Services Officer, and Sherry Carpenter, Administrative Assistant, Technology Services, for facilitating the Technology Services presentation and Judy Blankenship, Coordinator/Instructor, Health Promotion, for the Stress Reduction session. They would also like to congratulate all staff members who won door prizes.
Human Resources

Outlook: 2010
Summer Flex Schedule

The 2010 College Calendar has been modified to start the summer flex schedule beginning May 17 and ending August 13. During the summer flex schedule, the College will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and close on Fridays. The regular, 5-day schedule will begin on August 16, 2010.

During the 4-day work week, all staff employees will be expected to work a 10.5 hour day, which includes a 30-minute lunch. Flex schedules will be permitted, providing the schedule is pre-approved. For situations where the 10.5 hour day cannot be worked, leave with pay (vacation or bonus time) or leave without pay may be requested and approved by using a standard Leave Request form.

Staff members must submit a proposed summer work schedule form to their supervisors for approval. This form will be made available prior to the start of the summer flex schedule. Supervisors will submit schedules to their vice president or president for approval. Vice presidents or president will review the summer work schedules and return them to supervisors for record keeping.

Run for Money ...continued

Please help us continue helping students through this initiative by adding your name to this year’s list of “Run for the Money” donors. Checks should be made payable to the Community Foundation and sent directly to them along with the donor form provided in this issue designating your gift to the College. Forms and checks can also be sent to Emily Dalton in the Development Office.

Did You Know ...continued

The Gaston College Foundation will be receiving one of the largest gifts in the College’s nearly 46 year history from the W. Duke Kimbrell Foundation. Possible uses include technology infrastructure for all three campuses, new program start-up, books and reference materials for the East Campus Library, and replacement of outdated equipment or purchase of specialized equipment.

The Spring 2010 Commencement Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 15 at 2:00 pm at the Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte. Faculty and Staff volunteers are needed. Contact Lynn Dellinger if you are interested.

WSGE 91.7 FM, Gaston College’s radio station, will hold its Spring Membership Drive starting Wednesday, April 28 and ending Saturday, May 8. The station’s goal is to raise $50,000. Membership pledges can be entered online, paid in installments, or through payroll deduction. To volunteer or for more details on the fund drive, go to http://www.wsge.org/ or call Ben Dungan.

The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be Friday, April 30 on the Dallas Campus. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am until 1:15 pm. There will be live entertainment and an awards ceremony where the Altrusa Award of Excellence will be announced as well as the Staff Excellence Award and Instructor of the Year, concluding the event around 3:00 pm.

Run for the Money Form

Name: _________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: _______
Phone: ______________________ Email: _____________

Run 8 Contributions

My gift to the MATCH FUND, which supports all participating non-profit organizations $_________

My gift(s) to participating non-profit organizations:
Gaston College $_________
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TOTAL RUN 8 GIFTS: (Match Fund and Non-profits) $_________

All Donors will be acknowledged as follows:
The Finisher ($5,000+)
The Closer ($2,500 - $4,999)
The Sustainer ($1,500 - $2,499)
The Runner ($500 - $1,499)
The Starter ($1 - $499)

I wish this gift to remain anonymous.

Would you like to learn more about the Community Foundation of Gaston County and how we might assist you with your charitable giving? Just check this box and one of our staff members will contact you!

Yes, I would like to learn more about the Community Foundation of Gaston County.

Community Foundation of Gaston County
PO Box 123
Gastonia, NC 28053
Upcoming Events!

April 1 & 6 - Faculty & Student Break, College Closes At 4pm
April 2 & 5 - College Closed For Easter Holiday
April 8-15 - Advising & Registration For Summer: Returning Students, (visit website for detailed times)
April 15 - SGA Blood Drive, 10am-2pm, “Blood Mobile”, Behind MC Auditorium
April 17 - Run For The Money, 8am, Rotary Pavilion, Downtown Gastonia
April 19-23 - Advising & Registration For Summer: New & Returning Students, (visit website for detailed times)
April 23 - Deadline - Run For The Money Donations, 5pm
April 28-May 8 - WSGE Spring Fund Drive
April 30 - Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event, 11:30am-3pm, Dallas Campus
May 6 - Annual Health Fair, 11am-1pm, Myers Center Breezeway

May 10 - Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting, 3pm
May 11 - President’s Cabinet Meeting, 2pm, DBC, Room 170
May 14 - Last Day Of Spring Classes
May 15 - 2010 Gaston College Commencement Ceremony, Bojangles Coliseum, 2pm
May 15-23 - Gaston College Study Tours Spring Tour to the Swiss, French & Italian Alps
May 17-21 - Faculty & Student Break
May 17 - Board Of Trustees Meeting, 4pm
May 17 - Summer Flex Schedule Begins (College Operates Monday-Thursday, 8am-6pm, Closed On Fridays)
May 20 - Late Summer Registration, 8am-6pm
May 21 - First Friday College Closed (Summer Flex Schedule)
May 24 - First Day Full/First Summer Session Classes

Summer Schedule Available On-Line


Look for the EWD 2010 Summer Schedule coming in April!

Human Resources Update
February 1, -March 31, 2010

New Staff Members:
• Daughtry Hopper, Development Associate-WSGE Radio/Foundation (2/15/10)
• Eric Johnson, Accounting Specialist (3/1/10)
• Debra Riggs, Human Resource Assistant/Secretary (3/1/10)

New Positions:
• Kim Beam, Financial Aid/Scholarship Specialist (3/1/10)
• Missy Fox, Specialist-Cooperative Education and Student Employment (3/1/10)
• Ungina Lewis, Financial Aid Specialist (3/1/10)

Retirements:
• Alice Williams, Counselor (3/1/10)

Submission deadline for the next Inside Gaston publication is Monday, May 17, 2010. Please submit all information to: Emily Dalton, Box 3, extension 6513, dalton. emily@gaston.edu.