Gaston College participated in the annual United Way Campaign and donated $15,389 to help children and families in need through a variety of local agencies. Employees who contributed $72 or more were eligible to participate in a raffle. The winners are Dr. Lisa Albright-Jurs, HP computer; Becky McLain and Gerri Dobbins, custom-made necklaces, courtesy of Dr. Linda Greer; Jamye Exton, custom-made watch, courtesy of Diane Ward; Sandra Lucas, Tupperware Gift Bag, courtesy of Sherry Carpenter; and Brad Rivers was the winner of a Motorcycle Safety Course, courtesy of Continuing Education.

Special thanks go to John Erickson, Coordinator, Learning Center and United Way Chairperson, and the college’s team leaders for volunteering their time and energy.

The College’s radio station, WSGE 91.7 FM has been accepted into the Corporation for Public Broadcasting’s (CPB) Community Service Grant program.

WSGE will receive a grant of approximately $69,875 for 2011, most of which will be used to support the purchase and production of educational and other programming, including the acquisition of nationally syndicated public radio programs.
Did You Know?

The Morris Library, in partnership with the Student Government Association, sponsored a nonperishable Food Drive that collected 3,268 items to be delivered to St. Michael’s in Gastonia, Amy’s House in Lincolnton, and Catherine’s House in Belmont.

A new Health & Fitness Science Program will be offered to students next fall. Gaston College will be the second community college in the state to offer this program.

Faculty, staff & students completed 187 shoe boxes and collected over $100 for the Operation Christmas Child project. Juanita Gunnell, Chair, Health Promotion/Instructor, Dietetic Technician Program, sends special thanks to everyone from all 3 campuses for their generosity and participation.

Nearly $13 million in financial aid and scholarships was awarded to students last year. Students needing financial aid may submit an application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. They can also apply for 2011-2012 Gaston College Scholarships from the college’s website using the STARS Program (Scholarship Tracking and Review System) beginning January 10 through March 31.

The Health Promotions Program is offering a variety of courses to help you lose weight, improve flexibility, reduce stress and more for the Spring 2011 semester. For more information contact Jacob Surratt or see the complete list of course offerings online.

Dr. Terry Brasier, Director, Enrollment Management/Admissions and Dr. Skinner send special thanks to all faculty and staff who participated and supported the Gaston Pride Tours @ Gaston College outreach effort. The College hosted approximately 2,596 third graders from 33 elementary schools in Gaston County.

Congratulations to...


Michael Pane, Instructor, Communications Studies, who received certification in Educational Consulting/Classroom Management after completing a four-day training session on classroom management, student discipline,
Staff Senate Corner

The College’s Staff Senate recently hosted the General Staff Meeting where some 50 staff members were in attendance. Dr. Karen Less, President of Staff Senate, provided an update on goals accomplished last year and introduced goals for this year. At the meeting, Dr. Dewey Dellinger did a presentation on the role of staff members in the SACS process and Diane Ward and Dr. Joe Keith were recognized as outgoing Senators. An ice cream social followed the meeting where the following staff members won door prizes: Kim Beam, Shane Caughey, Dennis Crosby, Misti Elting, Ralph Huddin, and Laurel Morrow.

Current Senators are: Dr. Karen Less, President; Doug Bradley (Kimbrell Campus), Vice President/President Elect; Ben Dungan, Secretary; Jenell Barnette; Sherry Carpenter; Harriet Dameron; Adele Earls; Paula Homesley; Vickie Hoke; Jeannie Horton; Melanie Hoyle; Stephanie Lutz (Lincoln Campus); Leah Mackey; Conrad Martin (Lincoln Campus); and Jody Mosteller (Kimbrell Campus). Dr. Linda Greer serves as Staff Senate Liaison.

Congratulations to...

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and teacher/student communication.

Patsy Queen, Instructor, Associate Degree Nursing, who was recently re-elected to a 3-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of National Certification Corporation (NCC).

WSGE 91.7 FM and station volunteers whose fall membership drive exceeded its goal of $50,000 and generated $58,382 from 745 donors. Thanks to everyone at the College who assisted with the drive.

George Hendricks, Chair, Electronics and Computer Engineering Technologies, who has been appointed to the position of Acting Associate Dean for the Engineering and Industrial Technologies Division.

The 2010 Practical Nursing program graduates who achieved a 97% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) and are now Licensed Practical Nurses.

Dana Rudisill, Instructor, Dietetic Technician Program (F/T Temp), who passed her dietitian’s exam. She is now a Registered Dietitian and can add RD, LDN after her name.
Upcoming Events!

**Thru December 9** - Advising & Registration For Spring: New & Returning Students

**Thru December 18** - Photo Exhibit “Standing on a Box” by Lewis Hine, Morris Library

**Thru December 20** - Toys for Tots

**December 8** - Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, 12 Noon, Kimbrell Campus

**December 9** - SGA/Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 10am-2:30pm, Dallas Campus

**December 10** - Holiday Celebration, 11:30am-1:30pm, Jeanne Rauch Art Gallery, Rauch Science & Fine Arts Building

**December 20** - Last Day of Fall Classes

**December 21** - Faculty & Student Break

**December 22-31** - College Closed: Holiday

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**January 1** - Holiday Falls On Weekend (observed on 4/21/11)

**January 3** - College Reopens

**January 3-5** - Faculty & Student Break

**January 6** - Late Spring Registration, 8am-6:30pm

**January 6-7** - Student Break

**January 10** - First Day of Spring Classes

**January 13** - President’s Cabinet, 3pm, DBC 170

**January 17** - College Closed: Holiday

**January 24** - Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm, MC Board Room

**January 27** - Visiting Writers’ Series, Novelist, Linda Beatrice Brown, 11am, Morris Library

**January 31** - Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting, 3pm, MC Board Room

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Submission deadline for the next Inside Gaston publication is Friday, January 21, 2011. Please submit all information to: Emily Dalton, Box 3, extension 6513, dalton.emily@gaston.edu.

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**Drop-in Holiday Celebration**

Friday, December 10, 2010
from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Jeanne Rauch Art Gallery, Rauch Science & Fine Arts Building
Light refreshments provided

RSVP to Mary Ellen Dalton at 704-922-6521 or maldalton@gaston.edu.