Gaston College Instructors Nominated for Instructor of the Year

Gaston College Instructors (pictured left to right) Keith Lackey, Civil Engineering Technology; Leslie Martin, Office Systems Technology; Phyllis Fujita, Associate Degree Nursing; and Lori Metcalf, Department of Applied Social Sciences, have been chosen as the 2010 Divisional Instructors of the Year. Each of these winners may choose to compete for the “2010 Gaston College Instructor of the Year” and the winner automatically becomes the candidate Gaston College will submit to the “North Carolina Community College System 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award.” ■

Nominations are being sought for the 2010 Altrusa Award for Excellence which recognizes a current GC employee. The award, established by the Altrusa Club of Gastonia through the Gaston College Foundation, provides a cash prize award to a full-time employee who personifies the mission of the college and the ideal of lifelong learning.

Students, as well as alumni, employees, and others in the community are eligible to submit nominations. This year’s winner will be announced at the Faculty/Staff Recognition Reception on April 30.

Completed nomination packets must be received in the Foundation office by Monday, March 1. Forms and award criteria are available on the website, Morris Library and Student Services, Dallas campus; information desk, Lincoln Campus; and reception desk, East Campus, or by calling Emily Dalton at x6513. ■
Congratulations To:

Dennis Crosby, Director, Criminal Justice Academy/Basic Law Enforcement Training, and Criminal Justice Academy staff, on having a 100% first attempt pass rate on the BLET state exam.

The Gaston College Libraries for collecting 503 items during their annual holiday canned food drive. They were also able to forgive $224.10 in library fines.

Juanita Gunnell, Chair, Health Promotion/Instructor, Dietetic Technician Program, Dana Rudisill, Health Promotion Teacher, Early Childhood, Kimberly Pennington, Health Promotion, and faculty and staff in the Dietary Technician program and the Dietary Managers program for a 100% pass rate on the Dietary Managers Exam.

Life Skills on the graduation of 491 GED students in 2009 which is an increase of 75 graduates in comparison to 2008.

James Biggers & Friends Art Exhibit on Display

The James Biggers and Friends Art Exhibit runs through February 26, in the Jeanne Rauch Gallery. Artists from North and South Carolina and Washington, D.C. are displaying colorful and one-of-a kind paintings, sculptures, ceramics, drawings, graphic digital designs, folk art, printmaking, and more in celebration of Black History Month.


Gallery hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 5pm and Friday, 9am to 2pm. Also, an artist reception will be held on Thursday, February 4 from 5:30 - 7pm.

Did You Know?

Gaston College is among 10 community and technical colleges in the 16-county Charlotte USA region to be selected for The Jerry Award from the Charlotte Regional Partnership. The award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made significant, ongoing contributions to economic development in the region.

The Textile Technology Center was recently featured in an article in the Charlotte Observer written by Joe Depriest titled “Finding New Paths in Textile Technology.” To view the article, visit http://www.charlotteobserver.com/274/story/1130894.html.
Gaston College Employee Social Committee

Thank you to the Employee Social Committee for the planning and implementation of the 2009 Holiday Drop-in Celebration. The Committee works closely with the Office of the President and other areas of the college to plan college-wide social events for employees based on funds available. The Committee is responsible for the End-of-Year Holiday Party in December and the Employee Appreciation Luncheon in April. This year’s Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event is scheduled for April 30. More details will be available in the coming months.

Pictured above, front row left to right are: Paula Cochran, Administrative Assistant, Health Education; La’Shelle McClain, Admissions Specialist; Sylvia Dixon, Executive Administrative Assistant, President’s Office/Foundation; Sandy Hamilton, Administrative Assistant/Receptionist - East Campus and Textile Technology Center; Melanie Ochs, Instructor, Veterinary Medical Technology; Mary Ellen Dillon, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Continuing Education. Back row left to right: Jamie Conrad, Instructor, Business; Helene Burnham, Administrative Assistant/Event Planner, BioNetwork BioEd Center; Steve Hall, Supervisor, Systems Planning & Maintenance/Assistant Director, Plant Operations; Carol Elliott, Administrative Assistant, Lincoln Campus; and Helen Hovis, Facilitator/Secretary, Fire Protection Technology. Vickie Hoke, Secretary/Receptionist, Human Resources, is also a member of the Committee, but is not pictured.

Run for the Money

The Gaston College Foundation plans to participate in the Community Foundation’s Run for the Money matching gift event this year on Saturday, April 17 at the Rotary Pavilion in downtown Gastonia starting at 8am. Every organization must be represented by a runner (5K) or walker (2K) on “Run Day.” Doug Bradley, Instructor/Coordinator, Business and Industry, East Campus, and his family, as well as student, Carl Childs, have volunteered to represent the college in the actual run, but additional runners and walkers are needed. Other activities on April 17 include great music, healthy kids zone, non-profit display booths and lots of awards! The Gaston College “Run for the Money” booth will be back this year, thanks to the leadership and creativity of Jackie Ammons. The Therapeutic Massage students will also be there giving free chair massages. Funds raised during this event will go to the Student Academic Emergency Fund. Please contact Sylvia Bajorek if you are interested in participating or for more information.
La Café

The Student Government Association is sponsoring The Day of Entertainment - La Café Open Mic on Friday, February 12 from 2-4pm in the Myers Center Cafeteria.

“La Café” is a talent showcase for students, staff and employees of Gaston College to show off their singing, acting, instrumental and other artistic gifts. All students must have a GC student ID card to enter. There will be free food, music, fun and games.

For more information, call Kenneth Gilliard at 704.922.6472 or government.student@gaston.edu.

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The Therapeutic Massage Department will be sponsoring a Student Massage Clinic. Students will be conducting the Swedish Full Body Massages and chair massages on Fridays beginning February 5 throughout May in Room 190, David Belk Cannon Building, Dallas Campus. Full body massages are $20 for Faculty and Staff and chair massages are $7 (ID must be shown). To make an appointment, contact Kandy Penley.

The Associate Degree Nursing program Simulation Laboratory (“Sim” Lab), located in the David Belk Cannon Health Education Institute is up and running. It serves as an additional clinical rotation experience for the nursing students.

The Staff Senate is sponsoring a Staff Development Day on Wednesday, March 3, in the David Belk Cannon Health Education Institute Auditorium. Sessions will be offered at 10am and again at 11am and will include a technology presentation and information on stress management. The Keynote address will begin at 12pm. The morning sessions will be repeated in the afternoon beginning at 2pm. Refreshments will be served compliments of Staff Senate.

The Gaston College Foundation received $375,000 from the estate of Sallie W. Nixon. Funds will be added to the Caldwell W. Nixon Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The Department of Applied Social Sciences, a newly formed department within the Arts and Sciences Division, includes Broadcasting Production, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Paralegal, Psychology, and the proposed Human Services Technology.

The Cosmetology Program has partnered with Proctor and Gamble along with their professional hair color system “Wella” to ensure the development of advanced training for the Cosmetology Huskins students.

The Business and Information Technology Department has received free vouchers from Microsoft as part of the Elevate America initiative. Tests will be administered on Friday mornings in the Morris Library and must be taken by February 24. For more information contact Karen Jenkins. Also, the department is offering a two-day Student Leadership Program (SLP) for students on March 5 and April 9. Twenty-four Gaston College students will be selected to participate. To be eligible, students must be recommended by a faculty or staff member along with other academic...
The work of artist **Ginny Boyd** will be featured during **Women’s History Month** starting Monday, March 8 – April 16, in the Jeanne Rauch Gallery. Ms. Boyd was born in Washington D.C. and grew up in Charlotte, N.C. where she taught high school art in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System for 15 years until she retired to pursue more time making art. Her exhibit will feature colorful collages and mixed media. For more information call 704.922.6359.

**Bob Blanton** and **Gaston College Study Tours** will be headed on an exciting Spring Tour to the Swiss, French & Italian Alps on May 15-23. For more information visit the Study Tours new college webpage under Quicklinks/Study Tours.

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

The **Health Education Division** will be sponsoring **HEROES Summer Camp** on the Dallas Campus in June. The camp is open to rising 10th – 12th graders. Applications will be available in early March. To place your name on the waiting list or for an application contact **Betty Jones**.
Human Resources Update

December 1, 2009 - February 1, 2010

New Staff Members:
- Donna Blake, CRC and Workforce Training Specialist (12/1/09)
- Bruce Cole, Controller (1/11/10)
- Josh Crisp, Director-RESTC and Fire Protection Technology (1/5/10)
- Adele Earls, Student Success Counselor, Title III Grant-Funded (1/5/10)
- Dr. Mary Gunn, Student Services Data/Outcome Analyst, Title III Grant-Funded (12/3/09)
- Nichole Malloy, Enrollment Services Associate-East Campus (1/5/10)
- Richard McCrary, Textbook Manager-Bookstore (1/13/10)
- Nina Solomon, Evening Adjunct Librarian (1/5/10)
- Peter Szanton, Director-Grants & Special Projects (1/5/10)
- Tanisha Williams, Student Success Counselor, Title III Grant-Funded (1/5/10)
- Jay Wright, Counselor-Special Needs (12/1/09)

New Faculty Members:
- Scotty Brooks, Chair/Instructor-Civil Engineering Technology, 12 Months (1/6/10)
- Heather Bruch, Instructor-Biology, Lincoln Campus, 9 Months (1/6/10)
- Lisa Burrell, Instructor-Practical Nursing, 9 Months (1/6/10)
- Shannon Landrum, Instructor-Biology, 9 Months (1/6/10)
- Stephanie Osborne, Instructor-English, 9 Months (1/6/10)
- Dr. Everett Torrence, Instructor-Business/Economics, 9 Months (1/6/10)

New Positions:
- June Stromberg, Administrative Assistant-Human Resources (1/1/10)
- Dr. Kim Van Wie, Coordinator/Activity Assistant Director, Title III Grant-Funded (12/7/09)

Retirements:
- Pat Butts, Bookstore Assistant (1/1/10)
- Louise Davis, Specialist-Cooperative Education and Student Employment (1/1/10)
- Judy Rice, Assistant Dean, Lincoln Campus (1/1/10)
- Kay Roberson, Instructor-English, 9 Months (1/1/10)
- Arnold Willen, Instructor-Business/Economics, 9 Months (1/1/10)
- Rhonda Wood, Director-Student Registration and Records (2/1/10)

Submission deadline for the next Inside Gaston publication is Monday, March 22, 2010. Please submit all information to: Emily Dalton, Box 3, extension 6513, dalton.emily@gaston.edu.

Upcoming Events!

Thru February 26 - James Biggers and Friends Art Exhibit, Jeanne Rauch Gallery, Rauch Science and Fine Arts Building

February 1 - General Faculty & Staff Meeting, 2pm, MC Auditorium

February 4 - James Biggers and Friends Art Exhibit Reception, Jeanne Rauch Gallery, Rauch Science and Fine Arts Building, 5:30pm – 7pm

February 8 - Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting, 3pm

February 12 - Board of Trustees Retreat, 8am, City Club

February 12 - La Café Open Mic, 2pm – 4pm, Myers Center Cafeteria

February 17 - SGA Blood Drive, 10am-2pm, “Blood Mobile”, behind MC Auditorium

March 3 - Staff Senate - Staff Development Day, Sessions

March 8 - Ginny Boyd, Jeanne Rauch Gallery, Rauch Science and Fine Arts Building

March 9 - President’s Cabinet Meeting, 3pm, DBC, Room 170

March 10 - Career Day, 9am - 12pm, David Belk Cannon Health Education Institute

March 12 - Life Skills Spring Graduation, 7pm, Myers Center

March 15 - Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting, 3pm

March 22 - Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm

March 27 - Gaston College Open House 9:30am - 12:30pm, Dallas Campus

March 29-31 - SpringFest