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## FACULTY/STAFF PROFILE

### Juan Vaughan, II

Juan Vaughan, II, a native of Hertford County, has been hired as the new Compliance and Data Director. At a recent Board meeting, Dr. Soney informed the Trustees that as the College prepares for its upcoming SACS re-accreditation, we need to employ someone with familiarity in research and data analysis. Vaughan brings extensive related work experience to this position. In several of his jobs he has worked as a research technician where he collected, interpreted and analyzed data. He has worked as a patent examiner for the US Patent and Trademark Office.



Vaughan is a 2006 Magna Cum Laude graduate of NC A & T State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He is also a Ph.D. student at East Carolina University in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

When asked how he felt about being offered the position Vaughan responded, "I am delighted to be the Compliance and Data Director for Roanoke-Chowan Community College. I am eager to be a part of the leadership that will help Roanoke-Chowan Community College fulfill the accreditation requirements set forth by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools."

Vaughan assumed his role as Compliance and Data Director on February 2, 2009.

### Beverly Sessoms

With numerous applications received and after a long search process, the College has selected Beverly Sessoms to move into the role of Associate Dean of Workforce Development/Occupational Extension.



Sessoms is a native of New York and is currently living in Murfreesboro, NC. She brings over 23 years of education and training experience to R-CCC. Before offered the position of Associate Dean, Sessoms served

part-time in the Continuing Education Division Employability Lab. Her prior work history includes being a 16-year veteran of

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

*March 2 is Dr. Seuss's birthday.* Nearly everyone is familiar with this man who changed children's literature in the United States forever with his publication of *AND TO THINK THAT I SAW IT ON MULBERRY STREET* in 1937.

There's a great biography for children entitled, *THE BOY ON FAIRFIELD STREET, HOW TED GEISEL GREW UP TO BECOME DR. SEUSS*. The LRC has many different titles by Dr. Seuss. Did you know that the LRC has books for children? These aren't just for the Early Childhood curriculum, they can be checked out by all patrons with valid ID cards.

If we don't have a title you are looking for, say *THE 500 HATS OF BARTHOLOMEW CUBBINS* for example, we can get it for you from another library. Let the LRC staff show you how you can place a hold on a title of interest to you.

On Monday, March 2, the Early Childhood Department, in conjunction with the LRC, will be hosting a program of interest to preschool children to be held in the Library. Let's welcome these little folks to our campus.  
- contributed by Grace Boyce

## IMPORTANT DATES

### March 5 (Tues.)

Staff Meeting  
11:00 AM (Jernigan Auditorium)

### March 12 (TH)

SACS Kick-off  
11:00 AM (Freeland Comm. Room)

### March 19 (TH)

Last Day to Drop Without  
Academic Penalty

### March 19 (TH)

Mini Health Fair  
9:00 AM (Freeland Comm. Room)

### March 24 (Tues.)

Skills USA Day  
11:00 AM (Freeland Comm. Room)

### March 26 (TH)

Women's Program  
11:00 AM (Freeland Comm. Room)

### March 26-27 (TH/F)

Early Registration Summer 2009

### March 31 (Tues.)

'09 Spring Career Expo  
9:00 AM (Freeland Comm. Room)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Darcie Tumey.....	March 4
Sonya Chamblee.....	March 6
Robert E Leeds.....	March 11
Michele Meiseheid.....	March 22
George Smallwood.....	March 23
Phillip Deloatch.....	March 25
Justin McKeithan.....	March 25
Trisha Sawyer.....	March 27
Ryan Cox.....	March 31

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### TOUGH TIMES REQUIRE GREATER EFFORT

by Dr. Ralph G. Soney



The news for the financial state of North Carolina is looking bleaker as time moves on. This is something that I don't like saying, nor do I enjoy hearing

it. Every meeting that I have gone to in my capacity as President has started and ended with such ominous warnings.

The one thing that is a constant in all of this discussion of impending financial doom is that community colleges will once again become the haven for hundreds of thousands of citizens using their economic downturn to make decision about returning to school. It is a trend that we have seen over and over again. As the economy worsens people are forced to make life and career changes which they hope will put them in a much more recession and depression proof job when things get better.

The problem for community colleges, especially in North Carolina, is as our enrollment increases our funding decreases. It is a perfectly inverse relationship. Everyone acknowledges that the NCCCS is the economic development arm of the State; however, this sentiment rarely gets reflected in a true monetary sense, which will fund programs and operations at appropriate levels. We have a history of doing more with less. No matter what the challenge, as community colleges, we manage to meet and satisfy the needs of all of our constituents, even on a shoestring. I guess that you can say that we are the "MacGyvers" of the educational world.

Believe it or not, there is evidence even at Roanoke-Chowan Community College that displaced and needy constituents are finding their way to us

for education and training skills. This taxes our resources and human ability well beyond our current capacity; however, as with any other community college we continue to do our best.

From an employability standpoint each of us has a lot to be thankful for. Sometimes it is easy for us to forget that many of the students and potential students who come through our doors only want what we want: gainful employment and peace and prosperity for their loved ones. Over the next few months I ask that each of our faculty and staff not only embrace our current students, but that we also pay particular attention to the new faces on campus in search of the dream of a degree, job and career. Let's do everything to show forth the proof that we are here and willing to help in most any way that we can. - RGS

### DISTANCE LEARNING UPDATE

Congratulations to the following individuals who recently completed the Blackboard Online Training for R-CCC Instructors and are now certified to teach hybrid or online courses at our college.

*Linda Alexander ~ Dar Asper  
Jim Bales ~ Kim Bazemore  
Sharon Boyce ~ Eva Jones  
Isalean Overton ~ Beshelya Smith*

Course evaluation comments included:

*"The course design was very good. I like the way the course progressed by building on the work we had done. It provided a solid model."*

*"The design was different than I was initially exposed to, but it was clear. Navigation of the board was well connected . . . Evidence based information was given to help the students be successful in teaching. The facilitator was very creative and accessible. . . It was real user friendly."*

Please contact Director of Distance Learning Rita Rogers, 862-1232 or rogersri@roanokechowan.edu, if you are interested in joining the new training cohort scheduled to begin March 18. - contributed by Rita Rogers

### GROOMING FOR SUCCESS

It is my pleasure to announce that the Roanoke-Chowan Community College Barbering Program is going extremely well. We are fortunate to have many students that are skilled in the trade of barbering. These students will be providing barber services under the supervision of a licensed barber instructor. All services offered will be discounted to support our hands-on training and to increase our customer base. The prices are as follows:

- Haircuts \$5
- Edge-ups \$3
- Shaves \$4
- Eyebrow Arch \$4

Thank you for giving our barbering program the opportunity to service the community.

Our training hours are Monday-Friday, 10:45 am until 2:45 pm.  
- contributed by Alphonso R. Murray

### WORDS, WORDS, WORDS!

As we know, we cannot understand what we are reading, unless we know the meaning of the words that we are assigned to read. We are asking that if you have any vocabulary words in your courses that would assist our students as they progress through their college education, please feel free to make a list and submit them to me and we will address those in our developmental classes.

Coming together to assist our students' successes is very important! Please e-mail your words/terms/vocabulary to me at [blevinsj@roanokechowan.edu](mailto:blevinsj@roanokechowan.edu). Your assistance with this plan of action for helping our students is greatly appreciated! - contributed by Jeanne Elinor Blevins

## CAMPUS KICK-OFF FOR SACS

RCCC will be holding its *Campus Kick-Off for SACS* on Thursday, March 12 from 11:00 to 12:00 in the Community Room. All college employees are invited. Please come and be part of the festivities! Additional team members will be announced and information will be distributed. We look forward to seeing you there!

- contributed by *Darcie Tumey*

## EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS LAB

An Employability Skills Training lab is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 1 pm in room 214 of the New Student Center. Instruction is designed to be self-directed, self-paced, and structured on an open-entry, open-exit basis to meet the customized needs of individuals.

The employability skills' training is for unemployed and underemployed adults who wish to increase their chances of finding gainful employment. This lab is open to R-CCC students as well as the general public.

### Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- *Assessment of an individual's assets and limitations*
- *Development of a positive self-concept*
- *Development of employability, communication, and problem-solving skills*
- *Awareness of the impact of information technology in the workplace*
- *Resume', Job hunting, and Interview tips*

For more information, Contact Lewis Hoggard at (252) 862-1277

- contributed by *Lewis Hoggard, III*

## USING CAUTION WITH USB DRIVES

USB drives are popular for storing and transporting data, but some of the characteristics that make them convenient also introduce security risks.

### What security risks are associated with USB drives?

Because USB drives, sometimes known as thumb drives, are small, readily available, inexpensive, and extremely portable, they are popular for storing and transporting files from one computer to another. However, these same characteristics make them appealing to attackers.

One option is for attackers to use your USB drive to infect other computers. An attacker might infect a computer with malicious code, or malware, that can detect when a USB drive is plugged into a computer. The malware then downloads malicious code onto the drive. When the USB drive is plugged into another computer, the malware infects that computer.

Some attackers have also targeted electronic devices directly, infecting items such as electronic picture frames and USB drives during production. When users buy the infected products and plug them into their computers, malware is installed on their computers.

Attackers may also use their USB drives to steal information directly from a computer. If an attacker can physically access a computer, he or she can download sensitive information directly onto a USB drive. Even computers that have been turned off may be vulnerable, because a computer's memory is still active for several minutes without power. If an attacker can plug a USB drive into the computer during that time, he or she can quickly reboot the system from the USB drive and copy the computer's memory, including passwords, encryption keys, and other sensitive data, onto the drive. Victims may not even

realize that their computers were attacked.

The most obvious security risk for USB drives, though, is that they are easily lost or stolen. If the data was not backed up, the loss of a USB drive can mean hours of lost work and the potential that the information cannot be replicated. And if the information on the drive is not encrypted, anyone who has the USB drive can access all of the data on it.

### How can you protect your data?

There are steps you can take to protect the data on your USB drive and on any computer that you might plug the drive into:

**Take advantage of security features** - Use passwords and encryption on your USB drive to protect your data, and make sure that you have the information backed up in case your drive is lost.

**Keep personal and business USB drives separate** - Do not use personal USB drives on computers owned by your organization, and do not plug USB drives containing corporate information into your personal computer.

**Use and maintain security software, and keep all software up to date** - Use a firewall, anti-virus software, and anti-spyware software to make your computer less vulnerable to attacks, and make sure to keep the virus definitions current. Also, keep the software on your computer up to date by applying any necessary patches.

**Do not plug an unknown USB drive into your computer** - If you find a USB drive, give it to the appropriate authorities (a location's security personnel, your organization's IT department, etc.). Do not plug it into your computer to view the contents or to try to identify the owner.

- contributed by *Randolph Harris*

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5 *International Women's Day*

On Thursday, March 5, Student Support Services and Student Services will recognize March as Women's History Month and acknowledge International Women's Day with a table display in the hallway leading to the cafeteria. All students, staff, and faculty are invited to visit the table between 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

## MARCH 6-8 *N4CSGA Spring Conference, Durham, NC*

Four Student Council members will attend the conference with Mr. Kwasikpui.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 13 *Poetry/Essay Contest*

In recognition of Women's History Month, Student Council welcomes all students to enter a Poetry/Essay contest. Submissions are due on Friday, March 13. Winners will be announced at the Women's History program scheduled for Thursday, March 26. Winners will receive a monetary award and gift. Please see Tremaine Kwasikpui, Student Activities Coordinator for more details.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19 *Mini Health Fair* 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon *Community Room, Freeland Building*

Get free cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure checks. Also, there

## *Mini Health Fair (Cont.)*

will be information on home health agencies, living wills/power of attorney, HIV/AIDS, nutrition, etc. Please contact Sandra Copeland, Counselor for details.

## MONDAY, MARCH 23 *ECSU College Transfer Visit* 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *New Student Center/Classroom Bldg. Room 216*

Information regarding the admissions process, programs of study, on/off campus housing, financial aid, student life, etc. will be available. Please contact Sandra Copeland, Counselor for more details.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24 *Study Skills Workshop*

On Tuesday, March 24, Student Support Services has scheduled a Study Skills Workshop from 11 a.m. until 12 noon in Room 112 in the New Student Center. Topics to be discussed include time management, note-taking skills, test-taking strategies, and class management techniques. Students are invited to participate and share.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 26 *Women's Program* 11:00 am- 12:00 pm *Community Room, Freeland Building*

Presentations will include a guest speaker and the Poetry/Essay winners. Contact Tremaine Kwasikpui, Student Activities Coordinator for more details.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 31 *'09 Spring Career Expo: Your Link to the Future* 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon *Community Room, Freeland Building*

Invited participants include ECSU, ECU, Shaw University CAPE, Roanoke Electric Cooperative, CPTA, NC National Guard, Halifax Regional Medical Center, NC Highway Patrol, Berry Plastics, R-C Hospital, Guardian Ad Litem, Maola Milk & Ice Cream, L&M Printing & Technical Solution, Employment Security Commission, Rivers Correctional Institute, Bertie Correctional Institute, Perdue, and more.

Bring Resumes! Dress To Impress! Please contact Sandra Copeland, Counselor for more details.

## BEVERLY SESSOMS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

the US Air Force where she served as the Certified Substance Abuse Counselor/Office Manager. She has over 2 years experience as an online instructor for the University of Phoenix, 3 years as Executive Director for Gates County Rural Health Services and 3 years as Academic Counselor/Life Skills Instructor at Rivers Correctional institution.

Sessoms has an Associate of Arts degree in Social Services, a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce, Education and Development and an MBA in Health Care Management. She also has numerous specialized training in such areas as Crisis Negotiation, Leadership School, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling, Budget Preparation, Management Training, Human Effectiveness and Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, just to name a few.

Sessoms assumed her role as Associate Dean on February 2, 2009.

- contributed by Amy Wiggins