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IMPORTANT DATES

March 31 (Tues.)

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

April 2 (TH)

Honors Convocation '09
11:00 AM (NSC, Multipurpose Room)

April 7 (Tues.)

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

April 21 (Tues.)

Advising Day for Fall '09 Semester
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

April 22 & 23 (W/TH)

Early Registration for
Fall '09 Semester
8:30 PM -2:00 PM
5:30 PM-7:30 PM
(Freeland Comm. Room)

April 28 (TH)

Spring Fling 09
3:30 - 7:30 PM (R-CCC Campus)

April 30 (Tues.)

PTK Induction Ceremony
6:00 PM (Jernigan Auditorium)

INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN



On Thursday, March 26 the Student Council hosted a program in honor of Women's History Month. Dr. Claudia Richardson, OB-GYN, Roanoke-Chowan Women's Center in Ahoskie shared inspirational words on the "Total Woman." Prior to the program, several students submitted poetry and essays on the theme "The Inspirational Woman." Ernestine Lathan, Medical Office Administration student, was selected as the essay winner. The poetry winner was Aleshia Dillard, Criminal Justice student. The program concluded with the Student Council presenting gift baskets to Dr. Richardson and the student winners.

~ submitted by Tremaine Kwasiakupui

MATRIX COLOR EDUCATOR COMES TO R-CCC COSMETOLOGY DEPARTMENT



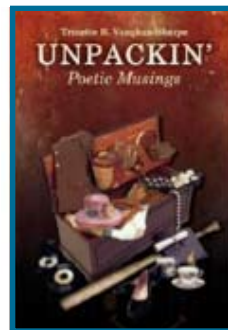
Who would have thought to find educator Mr. Daniel Scates at R-CCC. Thanks to a few phone calls from Lois Mitchell (Nextrend Distributor Sales Consultant), Scates was in "Full Force" with his creative and challenging edge on color theory.

Scates is from Richmond, Virginia, and has 22 years of experience in the Cosmetic industry. Scates now has 11 years

of experience with Matrix education. The students are still talking about this engrossing class! Scates will be returning for a follow up on April 27, 2009.

FYI - The Skills USA Competition will be held on April 7, 2009, in the Community Room during the Community Hour. Don't miss this opportunity to see what the Skills USA team has in store for you.
~ submitted by Sonya Chamblee

"UNPACKIN" AT THE LIBRARY



The LRC would like to welcome Trinette Burford Vaughan-Sharpe to the Library on April 8, 2009, at 2 PM. Ms. Vaughan-Sharpe has published a book of her poems entitled, *Unpackin': Poetic Musings* and is coming to share with us during April Poetry Month. With a background in cosmetology, you can imagine her poetry will be filled with life's experiences. She says, "Everybody wants to be loved... The excess baggage is there, whether or not we admit it. We simply unpack, again, and again, and again."

The Library welcomes faculty, students and staff to join us. Be sure to invite family and friends to this free, entertaining, educational opportunity. Light refreshments will be served.
~submitted by Grace Boyce

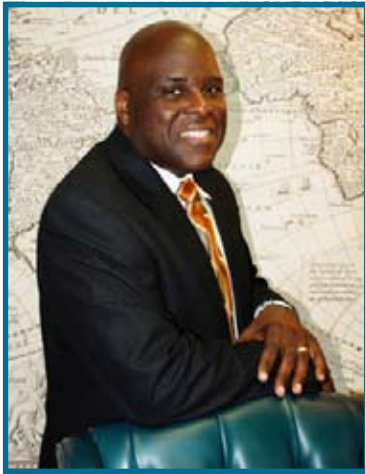
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Grace Boyce.....	April 7
Lorraine Mitchell.....	April 16
Sharon Boyce	April 19
Carmen Askew.....	April 21
Kathleen Toure'.....	April 25
Gayle Deanes.....	April 29
Kelly Vann.....	April 29
Michael "Andy" Lassiter.....	April 30

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



CLEANING UP OUR ACT by Dr. Ralph G. Soney

During my installation ceremony in the fall of 2006, I was walking to the multi-purpose room with then North Carolina Community College President Martin Lancaster. I was shocked by something he said to me as our party casually walked; he said, "You know your campus grounds are looking a lot better than they did the last time I was here." That thought made an impression on me, even though I did not process it at the time.

During the weeks prior to this event the campus did come together to beautify and polish the appearance of the campus. The maintenance staff had done a wonderful job of weeding and cleaning particularly around the Student Services Building.

As I have walked through the campus recently and over the last few months, I have noticed a growing level of deterioration of our grounds. Very often I notice areas overtaken with weeds, faded mulch, trash and just a generally non-inviting ground. I cannot blame the maintenance staff because they are short-staffed and have been so for some time now. It dawned on me just the other day that what we really need is a serious amount of volunteerism from our faculty and staff to help alleviate this problem.

I have decided to designate a day this spring as a general campus clean-up day. During this time we will all gather at an appointed time and place to engage in

a day of beautification. Of course, the College will provide all of the necessary resources for mulching, weeding, sweeping and what have you. We can also celebrate this day with a "pig pickin" and some fun and fellowship.

I hope that when you are called on to volunteer that you might answer in the affirmative.

CONGRATS, MACKENZIE!

The Great 100 is a grass roots organization whose mission is "to positively impact the image of Nursing by recognizing Nursing Excellence and providing scholarships for Nursing Education in North Carolina."

The Great 100, Inc. is very proud to include a scholarship program to support registered nurse education. Along with the monies approved by the Board of the Great 100, the Alumni Association graciously contributes monies for this program. The scholarships are distributed on a rotational selection from schools throughout North Carolina from the ADN/ Diploma, BSN, MSN as well as the PhD level. Each school selects the recipient with the belief that the school will know which student is the most deserving of the scholarship. Suggested criteria are provided by the Board of the Great 100.

Roanoke-Chowan Community College Associate Degree in Nursing Program is proud to have been chosen to select one of our nursing students as the recipient of The Great 100 Scholarship for 2009. The faculty members are delighted to nominate our Level I student MacKenzie Wilson as the recipient of the \$1,500 scholarship for 2009.

Mackenzie exemplifies excellence in the classroom and in the clinical settings. She serves as president of the Class of 2010. Mackenzie's leadership is recognized by her classmates and by the faculty in the nursing department. Mackenzie continues to work part-time while attending nursing school. Congratulations, Mackenzie!!

~submitted by Gloria Baker

EOB'S "GOING GREEN"



Have you wondered why you are no longer receiving annual retirement paper statements or why no Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) are received from the State Health Plan for your last doctor's visit?

That is because many companies are "Going Green." No worries...The information you are seeking is online. By registering at the links below, you can have 24-7 access to update your personal contact information, request new medical cards or simply view your account(s).

Health Insurance: <https://www.bcbsnc.com/memberservices/>

Retirement (Orbit): <https://orbit.myncretirement.com/orbit/Common/Pages/BPASLogin.aspx>

~ submitted by Amy Wiggins

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORNER

A plaintiff was awarded nearly \$200,000 for the defendant's failure to promote an Arabian colt, nicknamed Score. The award was in spite of the fact that the colt died before the date when the defendant was to begin marketing the colt. The defendant appealed the ruling and the court of appeals maintained the lower court's judgment, stating:

"Beating dead horses is the sport of appellate judges, a generally harmless pastime painful only to the readers of appellate opinions. Paying for the promotion of dead horses can be an expensive proposition, however, as the facts of this case make abundantly clear."

-Arabian Score v. Lasma Arabian Ltd., 814 F.2d 529 (8th Cir. 1987)

Source: Davidson, Lance S., *Ludicrous Laws & Mindless Misdemeanors: The Silliest Lawsuits and Unruliest Rulings of All Times*. John Wiley and Sons, Inc. 1998. ~ submitted by Ryan Cox

“BOOKS FOR AFRICA” PROJECT FINALIZED



This spring, Phi Theta Kappa-Beta Nu Mu in conjunction with Better World Books, completed its participation in the “Books for Africa” Book Drive by shipping 39 cases of donated books. Of these 39 cases, 348 books were accepted. Books for Africa is an organization whose mission is to collect, sort, ship, and distribute books to children in Africa, hoping to end book famine in Africa. Thanks to all faculty, staff, and students who participated; “Knowledge is Power, Compassion is Giving.” ~ submitted by Joan Deloatch

PTK-BETA NU MU ANNUAL INDUCTION PROCESS UNDERWAY

Roanoke-Chowan Community College students who qualify as potential candidates to join Phi Theta Kappa-Beta Nu Mu this spring are in the process of completing applications for spring induction. In accordance with PTK’s Constitution and Bylaws, each candidate for membership must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be currently enrolled at R-CCC. Each candidate for membership must also have completed at least 12 semester hours of associate degree course work at R-CCC with a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Candidates also submit (4) letters of reference. On April 30, 2009, Phi Theta Kappa-Beta Nu Mu Chapter will host its Fourth Annual Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. in the Jernigan Auditorium on the campus of Roanoke-Chowan Community College. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend. Many thanks in advance to all faculty who will be participating in the pinning stage of the ceremony.
~ submitted by Joan Deloatch

SACS UPDATE

Dr. Soney and members of the SACS Steering Committee met with members of the SACS Committee at James Sprunt Community College on March 19. James Sprunt has recently completed their reaccreditation process and was able to provide valuable insight on both the compliance document and the quality enhancement plan. The Steering Committee is in the process of reviewing both the materials from James Sprunt Com. College and materials from other colleges, in order to create a strong foundation to work from once our reaccreditation process gets in full swing.
~ submitted by Darcie Tumey

FACULTY/STAFF PROFILE

Cara Edwards



What is your Marital Status?
Single

Where did you go to school, and what degrees do you hold? I have an Associate in Applied Science degree from Roanoke-Chowan Community College and my major was General Office Technology.

What is your current job at RCCC? I am the Technical Support Specialist in Student Services.

Do you have any children, pets, or hobbies? I have two beautiful children: son Tony & daughter Ebony. No pets. My hobbies are playing video games, watching movies, and going fishing (I do not eat fish, but I like fishing).

What is your favorite meal? My favorite meal is fried chicken, cabbage, strawberries and biscuits.

What is your favorite song? Gospel: “Ride Out Your Storm” by Rev. James Flowers & R/B: “Always and Forever” by Heatwaves

What is your favorite movie? *Dream-girls*

What is your favorite quote? “When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.” Helen Keller

How long have you worked for R-CCC?
16 years

Ryan Cox



What is your Marital Status?
Engaged to be married. The wedding is set for 6/27/09

Where did you go to school, and what degrees do you hold? Western Carolina University – Criminal Justice – currently working on my Master’s degree

What is your current job at RCCC?
– Faculty, Criminal Justice

Do you have any children, pets, or hobbies? No children; 1 Dog, 1 Cat; I enjoy reading crime novels, trips to the beach, engaging in conversations concerning the Chicago Cubs and/or Chicago Bears, and spending quality time with fiancé and our pets, as well as our families.

What is your favorite meal? Any meal that includes the words chicken and alfredo

What is your favorite song? “Stellar” by Incubus

What is your favorite movie? I can’t narrow it down to one, but some of my favorites include: *Field of Dreams*, *Ghostbusters*, *Remember the Titans*, *The Last Samurai*, and *The Usual Suspects*.

What is your favorite quote? “I don’t know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.”
– Bill Cosby

How long have you worked for R-CCC?
This is my second year.

HEALTH FAIR

On Thursday, March 19 from 9:00 AM - Noon, a Mini Health Fair was held in the Community Room of the HC Freeland Building. The following agencies/services participated in the health fair:

- Rejuven-u Wellness Spa & Salon (500 N. Main Street, Ahoskie) represented by Frances Winchester
- Home Life Care, Inc. (Memorial Drive, Ahoskie) represented by Kelly Bradley, Heather Whitty
- United Medical Supplies (Main Street, Lewiston) represented by Mel Drayton
- Legal Aid of NC-Ahoskie Office (Church Street, Ahoskie) represented by Brenda Robinson, Faye Lewis
- Hertford County Public Health Authority (South Academy Street) represented by Helen Lassiter, Kimmy Beverly, Alicia Moore, Michelle Ealley

Several agencies/services handed out free educational materials, displayed their wares, offered free HIV/AIDS tests, etc. Give-aways included a Presto Grill, Chocolate Bunnies, Paraffin Dip for hands, Full Body Massage. ~ Submitted by Sandra Copeland

CAREER FAIR TUESDAY, MARCH 31 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Community Room, Freeland Bldg.

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!
~submitted by Sandra Copeland

HONORS CONVOCATION '09

The 2009 Annual Spring Honors Convocation program will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the New Student Center Multipurpose Room. Dr. Billie Jarrett will serve as the guest speaker.

During the program, students will be recog-

nized for their academic excellence. Recognition is shown for such achievements as the Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, academic excellence awards, departmental awards, and other various awards.

Students are asked to stop by Student Services and check-in at the Receptionist Desk on the morning of April 2 from 8:00 AM until 10:30 AM. Only the names of those students who check-in will be called during the program. ~Submitted by Wendy Vann

SPRING FLING '09

On Tuesday, April 28, Roanoke-Chowan Community College's Student Government Council will celebrate the arrival of pleasant weather with a Spring Fling featuring a variety of outdoor activities. The public is welcome to attend this free and family-friendly event; from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They can join R-CCC students, faculty, and staff who are taking a break from the serious business of education to enjoy music, rockwall climbing, talent hour, facepainting, horseshoe, displays, and lots of other fun activities. Certainly, there will be lots of delicious food. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. For details, please contact Mr. Kwasikpui. ~Submitted by Wendy Vann

GRADUATION '09

May Commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. All prospective May 2009 graduates must pay their graduation fee by April 1, 2009. Payment must be made directly to the College Cashier located in the Business Office. The Business Office hours of operation are Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cap and Gown orders must be submitted on-line directly to the Herff Jones company. Students should go the college website page www.roanokechowan.edu, click on Students Services, and follow the directions stated under the "Important Graduation Information" link or go directly to Campus Cruiser and click on the graduation link posted under Campus Bookmarks. The deadline for ordering online is March 30, 2009, at 11:59 PM. Prospective graduates unable to order on-line by the deadline, can purchase their cap and gowns directly through the bookstore on a first-come-first-serve basis. However, an additional late fee of \$25.00 will be charged.

Invitation orders must be paid directly to the Business Office by April 27. All other attire and graduation accessories (diploma jackets, honor cords, extra tassels, etc.) must be purchased directly through the College Bookstore.

For additional details, please refer to the announcements posted on Campus Cruiser or contact Mrs. Belinda Smith or Ms. Cara Edwards in Student Services.

~Submitted by Wendy Vann

ONE-STOP REGISTRATIONS FOR FALL 2009

The Division of Student Development Services at Roanoke-Chowan Community College will be offering a series of One-Stop Orientations for new students planning to enroll in classes for Fall Semester 2009. The One-Stop Orientations are designed to allow new students to complete the entire enrollment process in one visit to the College.

Through the One-Stop Orientations, new students will have the opportunity to attend an orientation session to learn important information relating to the College's programs, services, and student life. In addition, new students can complete placement testing and register for fall classes. Sessions generally last two hours.

"One Stop" registrations will be conducted as scheduled:

JUNE	WEEK DAY	AM	PM
1	MONDAY	8:00	1:00
8	MONDAY		5:30
15	MONDAY	8:00	1:00
22	MONDAY		5:30
29	MONDAY	8:00	1:00
JULY	WEEKDAY	AM	PM
7	TUESDAY		1:00
14	TUESDAY	8:00	1:00
28	TUESDAY		1:00
AUGUST	WEEKDAY	AM	PM
3	MONDAY	8:00	1:00

Due to limited seating, appointments must be scheduled. Please call the Testing Center at 862-1238 to schedule an appointment. All sessions will be held in Room 220 in the Testing Center.

New students are encouraged to complete an R-CCC Admission Application and submit their official high school transcript prior to attending a One Stop Orientation. If prior course work has been completed at another institution, official college transcripts are also needed prior to attending a session to allow for an evaluation of the transcript for transfer credit.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Counselor at 862-1225 or visit the College website at www.roanokechowan.edu. ~Submitted by Wendy Vann