ACC Names 2013 Excellence in Teaching, Staff Recipients

ACC announced its 2013 recipients for Excellence in Teaching and Staff Member of the Year. The full-time teaching honoree serves as ACC’s nominee for the state’s Excellence in Teaching Award and the Alamance County area Gold Star awards this fall.

W. RONALD McCARTER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

ALMA THOMPSON, Department Head, Nursing

Employed as a nursing instructor at ACC in 1997, Thompson became Department Head in 2006. Her professional experience includes stints as a charge nurse with the Surgical Center in Greensboro, a home health nurse with Kimberly Quality Care and PRN-PA, and as a surgery recovery care nurse at Moses Cone Hospital.

B.S. in Nursing, NC A&T State University; Master of Science in Nursing Education, UNCG; NC Nursing License

Trained in the NC Community College Leadership Program

Has employed ACC nursing graduates as faculty

- Developed a plan with nursing faculty in 2012 that resulted in Associate Degree Nursing day students achieving 100% RN licensure pass rate, a milestone for the program
- Obtained several grants for at-risk nursing students, including a new retention program that targets non-traditional and foreign-born students who need assistance adjusting to the nursing academic program
- Oversaw the development of a Transcultural Healthcare course, now part of the NC Community College Common Course library

Alma Thompson
SIGMA PSI COLLECTING FOR ‘OUR SISTER’S HOUSE’

Sigma Psi, ACC’s sociology and psychology club, is collecting items for Our Sister’s House, a local domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy organization.

COLLECTION DATES: April 1-26

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED:
- feminine deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste & tooth brushes, tampons, laundry & dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies (bleach, Lysol, etc.), and trash bags.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION: Used cell phones are needed to distribute to domestic violence victims and their children in Alamance County. Recipients will use the cell phones to call police and/or other emergency personnel in a crisis.

Note: All private data will be removed from donated cell phones. Cell phone chargers are also needed.

DROP-OFF FOR ALL ITEMS:
- Information desks in main building & Gee lobby; Dillingham Center.

QUESTIONS? John Neathery at 506-4242 or Ben Shirley at 506-4163

SIGMA PSI MEETINGS

Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC’s psychology/sociology club) on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 12:15 p.m. in Room 230 of Student Activities Center.

Next Meeting: Wed., May 1

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CLUB WANTS MEMBERS

ACC’s International Friendship Club invites all students who enjoy meeting new friends and enjoying world cultures to join. The group has enjoyed college soccer games, museum exhibits, dining at Greek and Mediterranean restaurants, and bowling. Members are planning spring events.

English instructor Julie Trotter is faculty advisor (Office B211).

HAVE A CLUB MEETING?

If your club has a meeting or an event, you may post your announcement in The Oracles. Contact Jon Young in the Public Information and Marketing office (A-03), call 506-4122 or e-mail jonathan.young@alamancecc.edu.

ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

JUDIE LOEBS, Instructor, Nursing Assistant

- Employed at ACC since 2007 as Nursing Assistant instructor within the Nurse’s Aide program. Also teaches the CNA Refresher course, a 16-hour intensive training taught on weekends
- B.S. in Biology, Fairleigh Dickinson University; RN certification, County College of Morris, NJ
- Has more than 25 years’ experience in nursing that spans private practice, hospital, home health and urgent care settings
- Requires her ACC students to complete 48 clinical hours of training
- Loeps teaches safety, personal care, vital signs, nutrition, emergencies, rehab, and mental health
- First CNA instructor at ACC to create a specialized curriculum for learning challenged students

STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

BETH BREHLER, Director of Enrollment Management

- Beginning in 2004 as ACC’s placement testing coordinator, Brehler gained experience in admissions, transcript evaluations, advising and registration, which provided a smooth transition into her current position in 2006
- B.A. in Middle Grades Education, NC State University; M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration/College and University Leadership, UNC Wilmington
- SACS (Southern Assoc. of Colleges and Schools) Leadership Team member; chair and lead writer of the College’s QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan)
- 2012 graduate of the NC Community College Leadership Program
- ACC representative on the Education Council, Alamance Area Chamber of Commerce
- Admissions liaison for Career and College Promise program for high school students
- Member of the Student Development website team

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPONSORED BY SGA

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ACC. Wednesday, April 24, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For an appointment, visit: www.redcross-blood.org and enter sponsor code: ACC. You may also contact John Evans, 336-506-4367 or John.Evans@alamancecc.edu.

ZO0 TRIP. SGA is sponsoring a trip to the NC State Zoo in Asheboro: Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: $10 per person and covers charter bus transportation, Combo Pass Tickets (Dinosaur Exhibit, 4D Theatre Experience, & Endangered Species Carousel). Bus seating is limited; prepay at Business Office, Student Development/Gee Building. Questions? Contact John Evans at John.Evans@alamancecc.edu or 336-506-4367. Visit website: www.nczoo.org.

ACC HARLEM SHAKE. SGA is filming an ACC version of Harlem Shake. Friday, April 26, 12 noon, in front of the Carrington-Scott sign, between Entrances #1 & #2. Students in a program in which a uniform is worn are invited to participate. Wear the uniform for the first video segment before changing into other attire for the second video segment. Secondary outfits must be appropriate attire for participation.


SUMMER & FALL 2013 REGISTRATION DATES

Wednesday, April 17
Priority registration opens for summer and fall—Currently enrolled degree-seeking students with LESS THAN 50 completed credits (WebAdvisor registration opens at 12:01 a.m.)

Monday, April 29
Registration opens for new and non-degree students (WebAdvisor registration opens at 8 a.m.)

May 8
CCP priority registration—Students taking courses on ACC campus, held in Academic Advising Center, 4 p.m.

Monday, May 13
Payment deadline for summer term—5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14
All unpaid summer registrations purged (No registration, on campus or WebAdvisor)
Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?
A. Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration. I’m following in my dad’s footsteps.

Q. What you wish people knew about you— but probably don’t?
A. I ride dirt bikes.

Q. If you could visit any place in the world for free, where?
A. Cell phone.

Q. Something you can’t live without?
A. Skydive.

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A. Dance at a concert.

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A. In high school, performed a dance at a concert.

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?
A. Michael Jordan. I’d ask him how he became so good at his sport.

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A. Duck Dynasty.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN "JJ" EVANS, Academic Support Specialist and PTK advisor, who attended the 2013 Phi Theta Kappa Convention in San Diego to be honored as one of 25 recipients to receive the Distinguished College Administrator Award. ACC’s chapter had nominated him for the award. Also attending was Chelsea Greenhaw, ACC’s PTK President. More than 3,000 students, chapter advisors, and college presidents attended the event. Guest speaker at the event was tennis legend Billie Jean King.

ACC OPEN HOUSE. High school students and their parents were welcomed to the main campus last week at Student Development’s annual open house. The prospective students had a chance to talk with instructors from many programs as these soon-to-be graduates prepare to decide a path for their future.

SPRING SKETCHING. Students in instructor ROBIN WALKER’s Drawing I and II (at left) combined last week to enjoy the warm spring weather while sketching the waterfall environment near the Memorial Garden. Right, students JONATHAN GRAY and EMILY WOOD.

2013 PTK INDUCTEES. Phi Theta Kappa, the College’s honor society chapter, held its annual induction ceremony and welcomed 21 new members. SCOTT QUEEN, Associate Dean of Business Technologies (2nd from right), was the guest speaker.
Student Activities Day
Students and employees had an opportunity to contribute to the ACC Foundation scholarship fund by supporting the efforts of student clubs whose members offered everything from t-shirt sales, massages, raffles, food sales, and even a jail-a-thon. All the proceeds went toward the Foundation. Left to right:
- Criminal Justice student CHRIS PARKER suffered through massages by Cosmetology students (shoulder) HEATHER THOMAS and (hand massage) BRIANNA BARDACHINO.
- MANDI BROWN, Skills Lab staff member, was imprisoned in Criminal Justice’s Jail-a-Thon. Her bail went to the Foundation.
- International Friendship Club members (from left) MAIRIT DUNN, CYNTHIA THOMPSON and JODIE THOMPSON sold Peace Cranes.

Resource Fair. Above and below, ACC’s Dillingham Center on Plaza Drive in Burlington sponsored a Resource Fair and Student Appreciation Day on April 16 with more than a dozen agencies on hand to tell students about services offered in Alamance County. Burlington Mayor Ronnie Wall was present to greet students and vendors. Organizing the event was Adult Basic Skills intern Rachel Hussey, who joins ACC part-time this fall helping with retention efforts in the Basic Skills department.

Horticulture Open House and Sale. Plants, vegetables, and flowers grown by students in the Greenhouse Operations class and Propagation class were sold at Horticulture’s annual spring sale, organized and operated by students in the Garden Center Management class. The sale was part of the department’s open house, which also featured demonstrations and gardening tips.