

M I T C H E L L COLUMNS

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

ADN Pinning
Ceremony
May 11
7 p.m.

On the Circle
(Shearer Hall in
case of rain)

Curriculum Graduation
May 12
7 p.m.

On the Circle
(Shearer Hall in
case of rain)

GED Graduation
May 13
11 a.m.

On the Circle
(Shearer Hall in
case of rain)

BLET Graduation
May 13
3 p.m.

Continuing Education
Center Auditorium

Summer Semester
Begins
May 18

Microenterprise Loan
Program: Financing
Your Small Business
May 23

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Continuing Education
Center
Room 10

MCC Band Concert
May 29
6:30 p.m.
On the Circle

Faculty Senate Meeting
August 18

CURRICULUM GRADUATION SPEAKER

Alex C. Ewing, Chancellor of the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, will be the college curriculum graduation speaker on Friday evening, May 12. President Eason has known Chancellor Ewing since they were

*Mitchell Community College
Graduation Ceremonies, 2000*

*Thursday, May 11
ADN Pinning Ceremony
7:00 p.m. on the Circle*

*Back-up site in case of inclement weather -
Shearer Hall
Mitchell Community College*

*Friday, May 12
Curriculum Graduation
7:00 p.m. on the Circle*

*Back-up site in case of inclement weather -
Mac Gray Auditorium
Statesville High School*

*Saturday, May 13
GED Graduation
11:00 a.m. on the Circle*

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*BLET Graduation
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Continuing Education Auditorium



MITCHELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Endowment for Excellence

Employee Campaign Update

Employee giving as of May 9, 2000:

\$6,160.95 cash and pledges

47 employee commitments

classmates for an executive seminar at Harvard in 1990. Chancellor Ewing is retiring from the Chancellorship of the School of the Arts in July of this year after ten years of outstanding service to the school. —Submitted by Douglas Eason

MICROENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM: FINANCING YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

The Small Business Center will be sponsoring a seminar entitled "Microenterprise Loan Program: Financing Your Small Business" on Tuesday, May 23, 2000. This seminar will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Room 10 of the Continuing Education Center located at 701 West Front Street, Statesville. The presenter for this seminar will be Carolyn Perry from the NC Rural Economic Development Center. This seminar provides information on start-up or expansion loans for small businesses. The group borrowing program is funded through the North Carolina Rural Economic

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Development Center and offers entrepreneurship training, technical assistance, and access to capita to build and foster business opportunities. The seminar is free of charge. Please call Mike Tucker at 878-3220 to pre-register or for additional information. —Submitted by Mike

Tucker

SCHOLARSHIP INFO

● This Fall semester 2000, UNC-Asheville will be awarding a two-year, full-

tuition and fees scholarship (four semesters) to a transfer student from Mitchell Community College who completes the associate of arts degree with at least a 3.6 GPA and who plans to complete a baccalaureate degree there. If you have any questions about the admissions process or about this scholarship, contact John W. White, Director of Admissions, on the toll-free number, 800-531-9842.

● Applications for the annual

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Each person ultimately decides to be inviting or disinviting. If you can't be inviting; please, at least be vague.

—Submitted by Employee Development

From the

PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .



Congratulations to our graduates and program completers for the 1999-2000 academic year! Spring is such a special time of year and among its delights are graduation ceremonies which recognize the various achievements of students. This Thursday, Friday and Saturday we at Mitchell will be celebrating student success in various categories. On Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on The Circle some 35 Associate Degree Nurses will receive the pins. Our county which has three hospitals needs registered nurses to operate and our graduating classes fill a good part of that need. In addition to our Associate Degree Nurses, Mitchell has also produced 183 Certified Nursing Assistant during the year. The nursing home and home health care industries absorb all of these program completers quickly. We will also have 20 Emergency Medical Technology folks complete their credential this summer. On Friday evening we will celebrate with 178 students the completion of their college curriculum program with the completion of the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Science, the Associate of Applied Science as well as the Diploma and the Certificate. And on Saturday morning at 11:00 we will celebrate the completion of the GED High School credential with 319 graduates, adults in our community who did not complete their high school diploma earlier on. Then on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. we will have 15 students who will receive their Basic Law Enforcement Training Certificate at the Continuing Education Center Auditorium. In addition, Mitchell has awarded 104 Child Care Credential I and II Certificates during the 1999-2000 academic year. WOW! This totals over 800 students who have graduated or completed a program certification. Congratulations to each and every one of these students and congratulations to our faculty and staff throughout the institution for your role in promoting student success.

Dottie Martin Teachers Scholarship will be accepted until June 1, 2000. This \$500 scholarship is designed for a man or woman presently enrolled and studying in the field of education. Its purpose is to attract teachers who are motivated to cultivate in our young people a true love of learning. The scholarship objective is to assist aspiring teachers who are particularly interested in child guidance and counseling and who want to make a difference in the lives of North Carolina's children. Applications and more details are available in the MCC Financial Aid Office, 1st floor - Main Building. ● Lenoir-Rhyne College has announced the availability of an unlimited number of renewable \$1,500 per year scholarships for every PTK member who chooses to enroll in day classes at Lenoir Rhyne. A minimum 3.5 GPA and 30 credit hours are required. Part-time

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The following letter was given to Dr. Ralph Bentley, Chair of the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence, at the Golden Rule Awards Banquet last Thursday, May 4 when the MCCEE Board of Directors, made up of 52 volunteers, won the "Group" J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award. The award also carries a \$1000 gift to the Endowment and a crystal trophy. Congratulations to Dr. Bentley and the MCCEE Board of Directors.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 2000

I am delighted to congratulate all those who have been nominated for the 2000 Golden Rule Award. Community service is a noble endeavor, and you should be proud of your efforts.

As Americans, we have always met our challenges not through big government or as isolated individuals, but as members of a true community, with all of us working together. Making your own outstanding contributions to this fine tradition, you have devoted your time, talents, and energy to fulfill America's bright promise for all our people. You have rightly earned this special recognition and the lasting gratitude of all those you have served.

Hillary joins me in extending best wishes for continued success.



students and students with previous bachelor's degrees are not eligible. The student must enroll immediately following a two-year college. In addition to this money, Lenoir-Rhyne offers renewable \$5,000 per year scholarships. A minimum 3.5 GPA and 30 credit hours are required. Part-time students

and students with previous bachelor's degrees are not eligible. The student must enroll in day classes immediately following a two-year college, and the student must participate in an honors interview competition. Scholarship recipients must participate in the Honors Program. The deadline for

entry to be considered for this scholarship is June 1, 2000. For more information on these scholarship opportunities, contact Stacey Lentz, Transfer and Evening Admissions Counselor at 1-800-277-5721 or (828)328-7303. ● Educaid, A First Union Company, is pleased to announce the 5*4*5 Sweepstakes" awarding five college scholarships for \$5,000 to selected students across the country. There are no essays, questionnaires or special majors required, so it is easy to enter and every student has an equal chance to win. The sweepstakes is open to incoming college freshmen and continuing students registered on 6/30/00 to attend a U.S.

Department of Education accredited two-year or four-year college, university or trade school. Entries will be accepted between March 1, 2000 and June 2, 2000. (All paper entries must be postmarked by May 26, 2000.) There is a limit of one entry per name or address and First Union National Bank employees and their immediate families are not eligible to win. Contact the MCC Financial Aid Office (Main Building - 1st floor) for instructions on entering the sweepstakes.

● Brevard College will be offering transfer students

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Graduation: A Look Back, A Step Forward

For millions of people around the world, this time of year marks the end of their regular schooling. And while we generally think of graduation as being the end of high school, the same thoughts hold true if you are graduating from university or college, junior high or middle school, elementary school or even kindergarten! Graduation is a time of reminiscing. It is a time to reflect on your past accomplishments. It is a time to celebrate the friendships you've made and the trials you've endured. While not all your school memories are going to be happy ones, graduation is a time to be proud. All things concerned, if you are graduating, you have worked hard and done the job well.

Graduation is also a time to look towards the future. Are you continuing on with further education? Do you have a promising job prospect? Are you going to do some travelling? Are you going to take a year off from school to decide where you want to concentrate your efforts? It is up to you to decide which path you want to choose.

With graduation comes the opportunity to make some changes. Look at it in the same light as making New Year's resolutions. Take this chance to improve your work ethic, or make a vow to get more involved in other activities. If you've been in a rut, now is the time to break out of it.

Whatever your particular situation, enjoy your look back at those special school memories, and good luck in whatever path you take in the future. Have a safe graduation!

From: www.about.com

transfer scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5000. In order for the student to receive any scholarship money they will need to apply to the Brevard College Scholars Program. Students may also be eligible for additional funds if they complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. For more information, contact Ms. Betty Brookshire at 1-800-527-9090 ext. 8396. —Submitted

by Jill Powell

Please submit articles for *Mitchell Columns* by e-mail to jphillips@mitchell.cc.nc.us (GroupWise users can simply type jphillips). Please send a carbon copy (cc) to my assistant, Edna Moose (emoose). You can type articles directly in GroupWise. There is no need to type in a separate program and attach it (unless you prefer to do it that way). You can also submit articles on a disk and send to Judy Phillips in the Educational Support Services Center. If you cannot e-mail or send a disk, fax articles that are **50 words or less** to 878-3272. The deadline **EVERY WEEK** for article submissions is **Tuesday at 12 NOON.**