

Important Dates

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
and Diversity Awards

January 15

12 noon

Shearer Hall

Diversity Concert

January 15

7:30 p.m.

Shearer Hall

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Worship Service

January 18

7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Breakfast

January 19

8 a.m.

Statesville Civic Center

Last Day to Receive a 75% Refund
for 16-week Courses

January 20

Phi Beta Lambda Meeting

January 20

12:20 p.m.

VB-102

US Air Force Heritage of America Band
Concert

January 21

7:30 p.m.

Shearer Hall

Administrative Council Meeting

January 29

3 p.m.

Kirkman House

The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

Lifelong learning as a concept and mission, especially for the community college, has been around for such a long time that it has become almost a cliché. It is nonetheless increasingly vital for the twenty-first century with the tremendous changes that are occurring in the geo-political and economic arenas. Knowledge is doubling at five-year intervals in most areas. There is rarely only one answer or solution to anything in today's world. We must encourage *continuous learning* in our students and ourselves and provide the tools to think critically, problem solve, become more self-directing, more interactive, and appreciative of learning.

—Submitted by Employee Development
(01.13.04)

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Attention Students—Scholarship Opportunity!

Please go to the *Mitchell Columns* “scholarships” Web page (<http://www.mitchell.cc.nc.us/columns/Scholarships.htm>) to read about all the scholarship opportunities available to you and the deadline dates. Be sure to review this information weekly as new scholarships are advertised. —Submitted by Ann Saunders (01.13.04)

ADN Program Accepting Applications

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is now accepting applications for the Fall 2004 freshman class. Please see your advisor to fill out a check-sheet. —Submitted by Linda Wiersch (01.13.04)

Charlotte Symphony

The Charlotte Symphony will perform at the Statesville Civic Center at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 30. Though the concert is free, tickets are required. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 704.878.3493. —Submitted by Douglas Eason (01.13.04)

US Air Force Heritage of America Band Concert

The *Statesville Record & Landmark* and Mitchell Community College present the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band in concert on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in Shearer Hall. This event is free to the public. Telephone Vicki Holland at 704.878.4321 for information. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (01.06.04)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast

A limited number of free tickets for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast will be available at the receptionist desk in Main Building from 10:30 a.m. this morning til 12 noon tomorrow for full-time faculty and staff. After 12 noon tomorrow if any tickets remain, any part-time faculty, staff, or students may

pick them up. Those of you on other campuses need to call the front desk and ask them to pull your ticket/s and send them to you by campus mail. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail or contact me at 704.978.2460. —Submitted by Mamie Houston (01.13.04)

Grants Received

I am pleased to report that for the 2002-2003 academic year Mitchell Community College received \$435,000 in outside grants for College programs. This support is the result of many of you taking time to write grant proposals for needs that you identified at Mitchell. The College would not have received these funds without your effort. As we begin 2004, I am asking that you contact the development office at extension 4321 when you identify a need or begin a grant proposal. We will assist you with your proposal and review the budget plan with financial services. I believe that you will be interested to know that the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation awarded Mitchell the largest award during the last academic year, \$160,000. Thank you again and please let me know if you have questions. —Submitted by William Findt (01.13.04)

Doug Rhoney Awarded LPC Designation

Doug Rhoney was awarded the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) designation by the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors on December 5, 2003. Among the requirements to achieve this designation is documenting at least 2

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Full-Time Employee Birthdays January 14 through 20

Mamie Houston	17th
Sandra Cox	17th
Raul Crisan	18th
Ralph Soney	19th
Gloria Rembert	19th



From the President's Desk

Observing the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the third Monday in January (his birth date is actually January 11) has become a time for both celebration and reflection. There are a number of events this year both here on campus and in the community which pay homage to Dr. King. There will be two events here at Mitchell on Thursday, January 15. During the community hour, there will be a program of celebration which will include the awarding of the three Viola Kimbrough Parker Diversity Awards. Over the years, these awards have brought to our attention the work of students, faculty and staff, and community folk who have sought ways to further better understanding and unity within the campus and the community. On Thursday evening there will be a joyous celebration in Shearer Hall led by the Mitchell Community College Inspirational Choir and the Mitchell Community College Chorus. The program will include gospel and semi-classical works as well as traditional hymns and other popular works. All Mitchell folks are urged to attend one or both of these events on campus on Thursday. These are great opportunities to share in the success of our diversity efforts and to chart new directions for the future. On Saturday, there will be free health screenings and other community services at the Statesville Civic Center as well as a cultural fair. On Sunday evening, there will be a community worship service at First Presbyterian Church here in Statesville. And on Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the Statesville Civic Center, there will be a community breakfast at which the Honorable Elizabeth Dole will be the speaker. These—as well as other events over the weekend—are wonderful opportunities for all of us to work together to build community, to acknowledge the past and to look to the future for an America and an Iredell County where Dr. King's dream will be made reality.

years of master's-level counseling experience, including a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised professional practice. Doug has been a National Certified Counselor since April, 1997 and specializes in the area of career counseling. He currently serves as Counselor/International Student Advisor at Mitchell, and has been with the college for six years. In order to maintain licensure, Doug must document at least 40 hours of continuing professional education within a two-year period. —Submitted by Bill Jennings (01.13.04)

ABC's of Starting a Small Business

The Small Business Center will be sponsoring a seminar entitled "ABC's of Starting a Small Business" Tuesday, January 13, 2004. This class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room 10 of the Continuing Education Center, 701 West Front Street, Statesville. This class is designed to assist you in understanding the basic steps in starting and operating a small business. Topics include: understanding yourself, researching your market, defining your business structure, determining fees and licensing requirements, developing a marketing plan, pricing, bookkeeping and budgeting, preparing financial statements, and writing/ implementing a business plan. The presenter is Mr. Phillip

Faculty/Staff Profiles



DeShaun Williams (Biology Instructor)

For those who do not already know, I am Tia Johnson's identical twin sister. I started working here part-time in August 2003. I became full time this past semester. I graduated from East Carolina University (both undergraduate and graduate). My husband, David, and I have a four-year old son named Donye. We also have a six-year old longhair white cat named Snow. We recently made two additions to our family. After the finals in December, we got two cute puppies. They are eleven weeks old. One is tan and is named Cinimin and the other is brown and black and is named Moka. Besides loving to teach, I also enjoy reading, cooking, and collecting cookbooks.



Emily Goins (Chemistry Instructor)

I joined the Mitchell faculty last semester as a Chemistry Instructor. Previously, I had been teaching at my alma mater, Mooresville High School. My educational background includes undergraduate studies at North Carolina State University where I completed a BS in chemistry. I earned an MS in chemistry from the University of NC—Charlotte. With four years of teaching experience at the high school, I decided my career would not be spent in a public secondary school. I am grateful for the opportunity to join the MCC faculty and pursue my teaching career here. My husband, Ben, and I just bought a new home, so my semester break was quite busy with moving and getting settled in. I enjoy designing and making jewelry, sewing, exercising and reading; when I'm not "thinking about chemistry." Thanks to everyone at MCC who has made this transition such an easy one for me. I love it here and hope to be here a long time!

Moore, Senior Vice President of Business Banking with Wachovia Bank in Hickory, NC. This seminar is free of charge. Please call Mike Tucker at 704.878.3220 to pre-register or for additional information. —Submitted by Donna Warrell (01.13.04)

Diversity Question of the Week

Q. What is Tet?

A. Tet is the Vietnamese New Year. It occurs in late January or early February and marks the beginning of lunar New Year and Spring.

—Submitted by Mamie Houston (01.13.04)

Deadline for article submissions to *Mitchell Columns* is every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Send articles to Judy Phillips (jphillips@mitchell.cc.nc.us)