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The newsletter of Mitchell Community College

Important Dates

US Air Force Heritage of America Band
Concert

January 21

7:30 p.m.

Shearer Hall

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Circle K Meeting

January 22

12:20 p.m.

VB-103

For more info, call Gail Elmore at
704.878.3332

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BBQ Fund-Raiser for Education Projects

January 23

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Broad Street United Methodist Church

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Administrative Council Meeting

January 29

3 p.m.

Kirkman House

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Charlotte Symphony Concert

January 30

8 p.m.

Statesville Civic Center

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Spring Court Elections

February 11

Main Campus

February 12

Mooreville Center

The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

According to Purkey Siegel in *Becoming an Invitational Leader*, each of us decides what invitations we will send to others. This decision gives us great power, for we are an essential part of those opportunities others have for acceptance. Further, we must send positive messages even when they are not responded to in kind. When we only react to behavior of others, we are being controlled by **their** actions. —Submitted by *Employee Development (01.20.04)*

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)*

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)*

Spring Court Elections

Spring Court elections will be held on February 11 (Main campus) and February 12 (Mooreville Center). Petition forms are available at the first floor reception desk in the Main Building. Any MCC student who is interested in being elected to Spring Court must complete the petition and data bio form and return them to the reception desk by 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2004. If there are any questions, please call Bonnie McCurry at 704.878.3281. —Submitted by *Bonnie McCurry (01.20.04)*

SGA Meeting

The first Student Government Association meeting for the spring semester is Tuesday, January 27. The meeting will be held in VB 211 and will begin at 12:20 pm. All club representatives are asked to be in attendance. Any new or returning student wishing to become a part of the SGA or join a student organization may contact Nikkole

Davis-Amerson, Coordinator of Student Activities, in the Main Building room 103E for more information. —Submitted by *Nikkole Davis-Amerson (01.20.04)*

BBQ Fund-Raiser for Education Projects

The Statesville Branch of the AAUW is sponsoring a Port-a-Pit BBQ on Friday, January 23, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Broad Street United Methodist Church (adjacent to the college.) For only \$7 you get BBQ chicken, slaw, beans, a roll, and dessert (plus tea if you dine in.) They will also deliver orders of 10 or more at a specified time per location. Contact me if you would like to preorder tickets. The AAUW has been very supportive of MCC and recently voted to award an annual \$500 scholarship to a non-traditional student. This event will help raise funds for their various education projects in the community, including the MCC scholarship as well as RIF books for a local elementary school. —Submitted by *Roxanne Newton (01.20.04)*

New Job Openings at MCC

- Administrative Assistant to the Director of Allied Health and Public Service Division
- Facilities Support Services Technician: Grounds & Housekeeping Maintenance

For more information on these positions and how to apply, please go to:
<http://www.mitchell.cc.nc.us/employment/employment.htm>
—Submitted by *Jodee Fulton (01.20.04)*

Full-Time Employee Birthdays

January 21 through 27

Judy Brewer	26th
Joyce Chambers	26th
Emily Goins	27th



From the President's Desk

The celebrations of the memory and legacy of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this year have been quite extraordinary. The two events last Thursday here on the Mitchell campus were very special. The awarding of the Viola Kimbrough Parker Diversity Awards celebrated its tenth anniversary. The winners were Gerald Springs, Student Award; Dr.

Ralph Soney, Faculty-Staff Award; and Ms. Cynthia Carson, Community Award. The program included a rendition of one of Dr. King's speeches by Rev. Glenn Ushry assisted by a group of Criminal Justice students acting out the circumstance surrounding Dr. King's speech. Thursday evening, the Mitchell Community College Chorus and the Mitchell Community College Inspirational Choir presented a tribute in song to Dr. King. Approximately 100 people from the community participated in these two choirs and they shook Shearer Hall with their music. You missed a wonderful evening if you didn't attend this event. During the day and the evening on Saturday there was a health fair and an ethnic fair at the Statesville Civic Center. Another highlight was the Community Worship Service on Sunday evening at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Steve Scott preaching and with special music by Ms. Wendy Scott. It was a great evening and Rev. Scott preached the best sermon I have heard in a long time. He really brought to life Dr. King's ministry of love and service. It was a very challenging sermon and one that I hope will be repeated again some time. On Monday morning at the Statesville Civic Center, the annual prayer breakfast was held with over 500 persons attending. It was very moving to see such a large turnout for this special community event in honor of Dr. King. Senator Elizabeth Dole was the speaker in spite of the death of her mother a few days before. She said in her remarks that her mother would have wanted her to keep her word and to speak at this event. She went on to say that her mother, Mrs. Hanford, had been born in Statesville. Many persons are to be commended for the hard work to make this big event on MLK day possible. I was very proud that Mitchell Community College could be one of the sponsors for the event. Such gatherings remind us that Dr. King's work is not finished but the vision of the "beloved company" is still before us. What a legacy!

Faculty/Staff Profiles



Manuel Dudley (*Director of General Education*)
Growing in both Brooklyn, NY and Goldsboro, NC I humorously consider myself a "New Caroyorker". UNC-Greensboro is were I receive my undergraduate degree in Human Development, an MS degree in Counselor Education and a Specialist in Education post master's certificate. Learning and teaching have always been passions of mine and I believe that success in life is intentional.

Jackie Robinson, Mark Twain and Paul Robeson are my inspirational heroes. My life philosophy is "Intelligent people talk about ideas—Average people talk about things—Small people talk about other people." My family and I enjoy traveling and going to theme parks. I would like to thank the Mitchell Family for making the transition an easy one.



Theresa Spencer (*Records & Registration Specialist*)

I moved to Iredell County from Southwestern Virginia in March 1984, which was almost 20 years ago, where has the time gone. I spent many years in the local factories, with my last being Burlington Industries. When it relocated, I chose Mitchell as my new direction in life; it was a good decision. I graduated with my A.A.S. Office Systems Technology in 2002; and in July 2003, I became part of the Mitchell family. My husband is Phillip, and my three sons are Michael, Scott, and Terry. I enjoy boating, camping, gardening, and reading.

DID YOU KNOW?

The MCC Policy Manual

Policy #01-04: Release from Employment

If an employee should desire a release from employment prior to the end of the contract period, release from employment may be granted if approved, in writing, by the President. Faculty members must provide a written request 30 days prior to the end of a regular academic term. —Submitted by Jodee Fulton (01.20.04)

Diversity Question of the Week

Q. What is the significance of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team?

A. It was the most highly decorated unit unit of World War II. It was composed of Japanese Americans.

—Submitted by Mamie Houston (01.20.04)

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