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Tri-County Takes First-Place Overall Honors At SCSTA College Festival Competition

For the first time ever, Tri-County Technical College took first-place overall honors and was named this year's Sweepstakes Winner at the 2012 South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association's Annual College Festival Competition.

Tri-County students took home three first-place awards at the competition held February 11 at the College's Easley Campus.

"We have been taking teams to this competition for the last fifteen years. This is the first time we've ever won first place overall," said Coach Greg Toney, who is a speech instructor at the College. "Everyone worked hard and was deserving of this honor."

Three students represented Tri-County in the competition. They were Orrie Kyzer, of Conway, a University Transfer student majoring in performing arts; Manuel Manley, of Pendleton, an information technology major; and Chris Gerstle, of Pickens, a biological sciences major.

Kyzer placed first in both Impromptu Speaking and Oral Interpretation of Poetry. Manley placed first in Informative Speaking and third in Persuasive Speaking.

The nine colleges from around the state who competed in the event were Furman University, USC Upstate, Newberry College, Lander University, Claflin University, USC Lancaster, Limestone College, Midlands Technical College, and Tri-County.

"My goal is to go to these competitions and be competitive," said Greg. "It's a challenge to compete every year against schools such as Newberry and USC-Upstate that actually have four-year programs in drama and speech. However, we always have success and this year it resulted in an overall first-place finish! I'm very proud of them," said Greg.

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Three students represented Tri-County in the SCSTA College Festival Competition. They are (pictured from left to right) **Chris Gerstle**, of Pickens, a biological sciences major; **Manuel Manley**, of Pendleton, an information technology major, who placed first in Informative Speaking and third in Persuasive Speaking; and **Orrie Kyzer**, of Conway, a University Transfer student majoring in performing arts, who placed first in both Impromptu Speaking and Oral Interpretation of Poetry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anderson QuickJobs	
Groundbreaking.....	March 9
Open House.....	March 9
ECD Cat in the Hat	March 15
Pet Adoption Day.....	March 15
College Career Fair.....	April 4
Bluegrass Under the Stars.....	April 7

Check the College Activities Calendar in
eTC for additional activities and events.

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Ronnie L. Booth
President

January marked the beginning of a yearlong celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Tri-County Technical College. Our students kicked off the year with a sixties party – “View from ‘62” – complete with costumes, games, refreshments, and 60’s trivia. The following week we held a reception for our business, industry, and community partners. Many thanks to all of the faculty and staff who participated in both of these events. It was a terrific start to what promises to be a great year.

Many of you are too young to remember the early 1960s when the College was founded, but those of you who do remember, join me in thinking back in time for a moment. Where were you during that period in our history? What do you remember about it? As for me, I was just a young boy and my memories are of a very rural South Carolina – acre after acre of farmland as far as the eye could see; textile mills surrounded by “mill villages;” and too many low-skill, low-wage jobs.

There wasn’t a lot of opportunity for individuals or the State to prosper. Far too much of the population was undereducated, and far too many young people were leaving the State in search of a better life. Nearby states had made significant progress in attracting industrial jobs and wealth, but we were lagging far behind our neighbors in moving from an agricultural to an industrial economy.

It was in this environment in 1961 that then-governor Ernest Frederick “Fritz” Hollings and a group of legislators determined that if South Carolina were ever to prosper, they needed to find a way to lure industry to our State.

“I have learned how our mission to serve as a catalyst for lifelong learning and economic development is as important today as it was 50 years ago.”

That’s when the South Carolina Technical Education System was created, now called the South Carolina Technical College System. One year later in 1962, legislation was passed creating the Tri-County Technical Education Center, now Tri-County Technical College.

We’ve grown from a small technical school offering a handful of training programs serving a few hundred people to the flourishing, comprehensive community college we are today, offering more than seventy major programs of study and serving more than 9,000 credit and 12,000 non-credit students each year.

I have been privileged to lead this College for more than eight years, and during that time I have really come to learn about Tri-County in a way that few others can. I have learned what a remarkable place this is, made possible by extraordinary people. I have learned how we can and do change lives and our community for the better.

I hope our celebration over the course of this year will give you a sense of this great journey we are on together – not only of what lies in the past but also the great opportunities we see before us in the future.

Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D.
President



Spotlight on New Highway Construction Materials Lab

Nine months ago, the Mining Association of South Carolina (MASC) had a goal of soliciting \$30,000 in equipment and cash donations from its members to outfit the new highway construction materials lab in McKissick Hall on the College's Pendleton Campus.

A \$100,000 donation by the SC Asphalt Pavement Association (SCAPA) kicked off this project last June. SCAPA's donation to the College will provide students with a state-of-the-art asphalt materials testing facility where they will receive hands-on training in Hot Mix Asphalt applications.

MASC members, who work in conjunction with SCAPA, were encouraged to support the lab, said Neal Barber, SC quality control manager for Hanson Aggregates in McConnells, SC, who spearheaded the fundraiser.

Thanks to generous equipment and cash donations from the various members of MASC, Tri-County is well on its way to offering training for quality control technicians in the highway construction materials field, he said.

Barber recalled that the goal was to get three major aggregate producers to commit to a goal of \$30,000 in contributions to equip the lab.

"Currently we have \$35,000 in contributions," said Barber. "I'm flabbergasted – I thought \$30,000 was ambitious. We have far exceeded what we planned. We came up with an idea, a great idea, and seeing it implemented is tremendous in its impact on the community and our industry."

"The purpose of the lab is to provide a trained workforce for the highway construction industry, as well as to facilitate research with the potential to improve and encourage growth in the highway construction industry," said Mary Corley, program manager for the College's Highway Construction Program in the Corporate and Community Education Division. The funds contributed by SCAPA and MASC are being used to purchase laboratory equipment for asphalt mix design and asphalt and aggregate testing, Mary added.

The construction materials training and research lab at Tri-County will ensure the future of a workforce with technical training in the field of highway construction materials technology. The lab is housed in McKissick Hall on the Pendleton Campus.

Barber thanked Vulcan Materials and Martin Marietta, along with Hanson Aggregates, for supporting the project and for making contributions to make it happen. "We began by saying



Pictured from left are (front row) Serji Amirkhanian, Ph.D., director of research and development, Phoenix Industries and president and CEO, AET International, Ltd.; Chris Smith, MASC executive director; Neal Barber, QC Supervisor, Lehigh Hanson & MASC Aggregate Committee chairman; and Dr. Booth; (middle row) Charlie Bagley, SC Quality Control, Martin Marietta; Elliott Botzis, sales manager, Vulcan Materials; Mary Corley, program manager for the Highway Construction Program in our Corporate and Community Education Division; Bobby Caulder, plant manager; Lehigh Hanson, Anderson Quarry; Elisabeth Gadd, director of development at Tri-County; and John Lummus, vice president for economic and institutional advancement; and (back row) Mike Dixon, quality control manager, Charlotte District, Martin Marietta; Jason Jackson, SC Quality Control, Vulcan Materials; and David Herndon, of Herndon Asphalt Engineering & Consulting.

'wouldn't it be great if,' and now we can say 'look at what we've done' just six months later. In my world, that's a big deal."

"Thanks for your support. It's exactly what the College is all about – connecting ideas to the marketplace," said Dr. Booth. "This is a perfect example of integrating the College and the community. Thanks for believing in us."

In September 2010 the College began offering courses in the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SC DOT) statewide technician certification program. This program provides the requirements an individual needs to seek certification as an SC DOT-certified inspector for work performed on construction projects.

More than 608 individuals completed SC DOT technician certification classes in 2011, said Mary. Tri-County is the only facility in the state that offers SC DOT certification courses in Hot Mix Asphalt, Coarse Aggregate, Earthwork, and Foundations. In addition, Tri-County is currently developing a new Pavement Preservation technician certification program for SC DOT.

SPOTLIGHT is a regular feature of CONNECTION that highlights College instructional programs, activities, and support services. Surveys show that our own faculty and staff play a significant role in influencing potential students to apply to the College. We're all ambassadors – so stay informed and keep doing a great job spreading the word that Tri-County is a great place to learn and grow!

QuickJobs Groundbreaking is March 9

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Anderson QuickJobs Development Center is set for Friday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m.

The future 5,720 square-foot facility will be located at the Anderson Campus and will include three classrooms, offices, and a lab/shop area.

Training will be designed through the College's Corporate and Community Education Division and include a wide variety of QuickJobs programs to provide individuals with the skills necessary to be competitive in the job market or advance in the workplace. In addition, the Center will offer customized training for area businesses and industries.

The Center is funded by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission through the S.C. Department of Commerce.

Inspiring Futures To Host Cat in the Hat Ball March 15

In celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday, the Inspiring Futures student club will host a Cat in the Hat Ball March 15 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. in the Student Center Café on the Pendleton Campus.

The public is welcome to join the celebration which features fun children's activities with a Dr. Seuss theme. There also will be face painting, cake walks, arts & crafts, and more. Wear your craziest hat for the crazy hat contest!

The entrance fee will be the donation of a new or gently-used book that will be donated to local agencies that service children and families.

The event is sponsored by the Early Childhood Development Program and Inspiring Futures Student organization and is part of the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Winchester Wins iPad2 at College Goal SC



Daniel Winchester, of Walhalla, who attended our February 18 College Goal SC event, right, is the winner of a free iPad2. Congratulating him is **Kevin Woods**, financial aid counselor. Winchester, a senior at Walhalla High School, plans to enter our Industrial Electronics Technology program.

Financial aid professionals from Tri-County, Clemson University, and Southern Wesleyan University were on hand at a College Goal SC event to help college-bound students and their families with the financial aid application process.

Easley Campus Hosts Town Hall Meeting



The Easley Campus hosted a town hall meeting sponsored by **Congressional Representative Jeff Duncan** and **S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson**. More than 100 people turned out for the event that included topics on S.C.'s opposition to the National Labor Relations Board, economic development, public schools, higher education funding, the S.C. Voter ID Law, and immigration.

Mike Cannon Provides Personal Treasures for History Display



A new historical display in honor of the College's 50th anniversary was introduced to the public during an anniversary reception January 26. Items for the display were loaned by various academic departments and friends of the College. Special appreciation is extended to **Mike Cannon**, of Anderson, pictured here, who loaned the College several pop culture items from the 1960s to use in the display. Mr. Cannon is a member of the Tri-County Technical College Foundation Board.

Easley Campus Hosts Chamber Gala

The Easley Campus hosted this year's Easley Chamber of Commerce Gala. This is the second year the event has been held at our facility. More than 200 people were on hand for the event. The program was emceed by WYFF News Anchor **Michael Cogdill**, right. World War II Veteran and lifelong Easley resident **John McIntyre**, left, was honored with the Duke Citizenship award, the highest award presented by the Chamber.



Tri-County Takes First-Place Overall Honors at SCSTA Competition

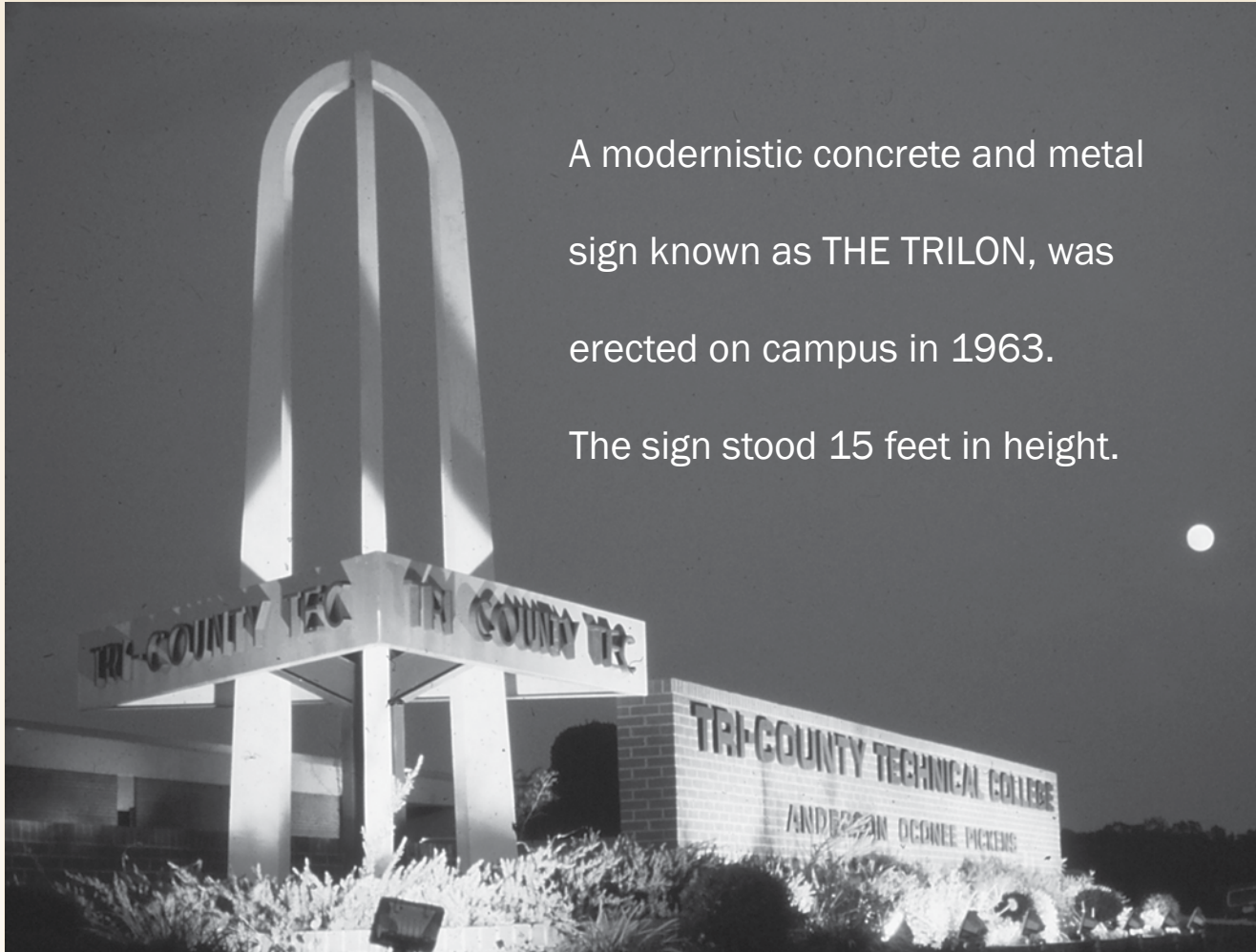
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"Communication skills are one of the most important skills someone can take into the workplace today," said Greg. "Competing in this annual speech and drama festival allows students to sharpen those skills, as well represent their school while competing against other colleges from around the state."

The South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association (SCSTA) is a professional organization that promotes the study of all areas of performance and oral communication: acting, oral interpretation/performance studies, theatre, broadcasting, public speaking, discussion and debate, and speech education. Its main purpose is the advancement of the total speech and theatre effort in the educational system of South Carolina. SCSTA serves both the public and private schools and the colleges and universities in South Carolina through an annual conference and spring festival competitions in the Communication Arts, and through recognition of outstanding contributors to our efforts. Membership is open to all persons interested in performance and other areas of oral communication and should be of special interest to persons teaching speech and drama courses at all levels.



Each month throughout 2012, CONNECTION will devote two pages to celebrating the Colleges' golden anniversary. Through photos and articles, we will highlight the events which have shaped the College into the role model for community college education that it is today.



A modernistic concrete and metal sign known as THE TRILON, was erected on campus in 1963. The sign stood 15 feet in height.



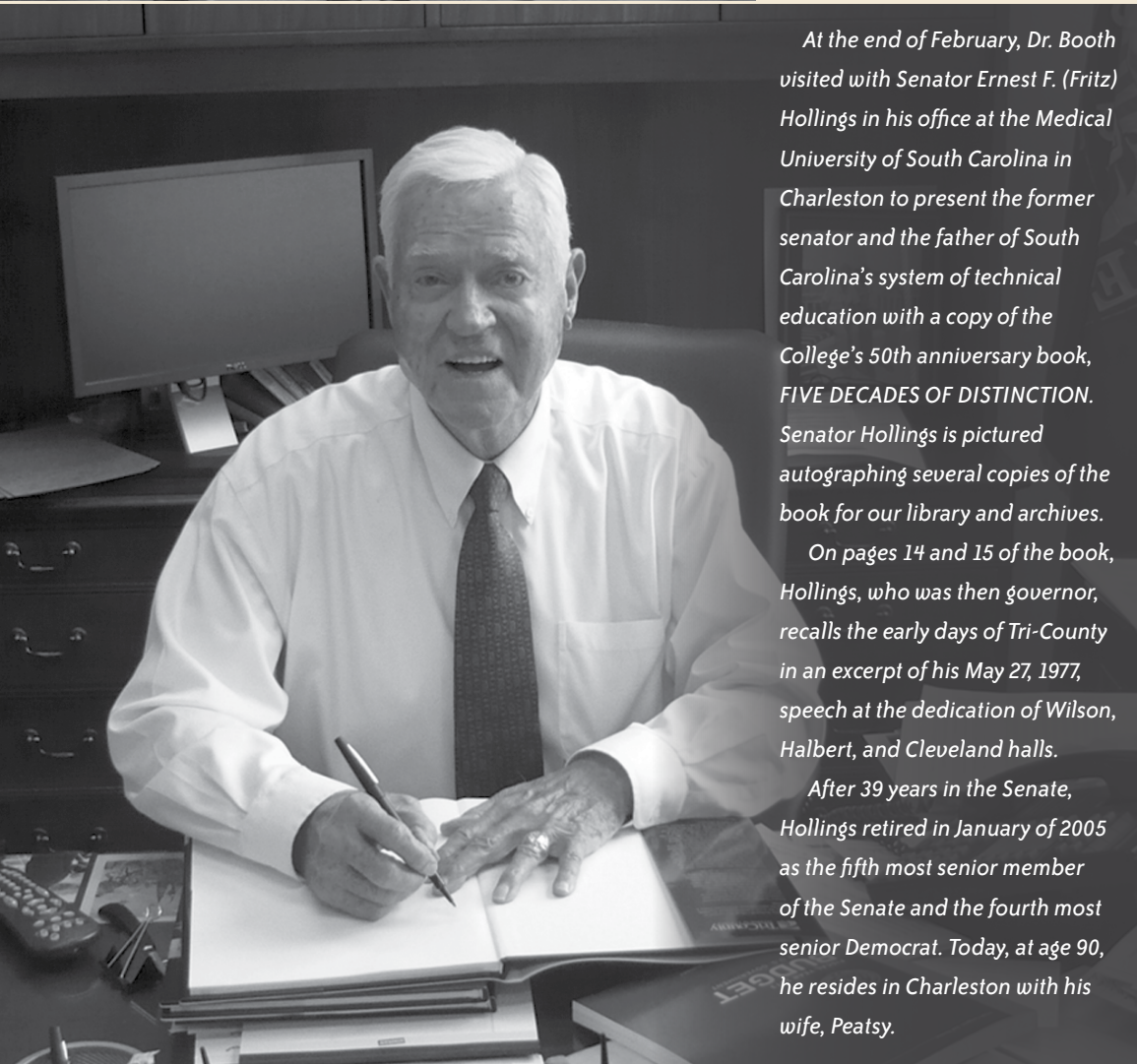
Student government officers from 1968 are pictured from left: **Judy Posey**, secretary; **Laurie Woodson**, treasurer; and **Barry Bobo**, president. Not pictured is **Richard Myers**, vice president.



Fifty years ago (April 7, 1962), Tri-County Technical College made South Carolina history by becoming the first multi-county technical institute in the State. The College has grown from a Technical Education Center offering seven technical courses to today's comprehensive two-year college featuring 25 associate degree, 7 diploma, and 54 certificate programs. Pictured here in 1964 with **James Allen**, former evening director at the College, left, and **Charlie Gibson**, retired dean of Continuing Education at the College, right, are Pendleton High School students (from left) **Larry Patterson**, **Arnie Welmaker**, **Lane Wilson**, **Herman Miller**, and **Lane Hicks**.



Several of the first graduates of the College are pictured here holding their diplomas: Present for the photo were (standing from left) Executive Director **Bill Yarborough**; **Tommy R. Smith**, of Liberty; **Luke S. Bauknight**, Jr., of Starr; **Thomas F. Petty**, of Seneca; **Aubrey Marshall**, chair of the College's Commission; and **Frank Guerren**, manager of Jacobs Chuck Manufacturing; and (seated) **Kenneth R. Holladay**, of Central; and **John L. Williams**, of Belton.



*At the end of February, Dr. Booth visited with Senator Ernest F. (Fritz) Hollings in his office at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston to present the former senator and the father of South Carolina's system of technical education with a copy of the College's 50th anniversary book, **FIVE DECADES OF DISTINCTION**. Senator Hollings is pictured autographing several copies of the book for our library and archives.*

On pages 14 and 15 of the book, Hollings, who was then governor, recalls the early days of Tri-County in an excerpt of his May 27, 1977, speech at the dedication of Wilson, Halbert, and Cleveland halls.

After 39 years in the Senate, Hollings retired in January of 2005 as the fifth most senior member of the Senate and the fourth most senior Democrat. Today, at age 90, he resides in Charleston with his wife, Peatsy.

TRI-COUNTY TRIVIA

Except for the naming of Oconee Hall, Ruby Hicks Hall, and Hayden Abney Fulp Hall, the Area Commission adhered to its policy established August 1970, which is to name the buildings on campus to honor the original rulers, or justices, of the Old Pendleton District. Buildings have been named for seven of those eight justices. They are Andrew Pickens, John Miller, John Wilson, Benjamin Cleveland, Williams Halbert, Robert Anderson and Henry Clarke. A building is not named after John Moffett.



Congratulations to **Amanda Spacil**, grants development director, and her husband, Mike, on the birth of their twin sons, Lucas David and Jacob Michael, born November 27. Lucas, who is older than Jacob by one minute, weighed 3 lbs., 9 oz. and was 15 3/4 inches long. Brother Jacob was 4 lbs., 13 oz. and was 18 inches long. Mother and boys are doing well. Amanda expects to be back at work March 25.

Congratulations to **Jessica Raymond**, graphic designer, and her husband, Mac, on the birth of their son, Ezekiel "Zeke" Gardner Raymond, born December 2. Zeke weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Zeke has two sisters, Emmalee, age 7, and Kaylee, age 5. Jessica returns to work March 19.

Kate Williams, M.S., M.Ed., psychology instructor, sent this note, commending the Career Services staff for their assistance in collecting data for her dissertation:

"Glenn Hellenga, Alison Reynolds, and Lynne Smith participated in my psychology experiment on improving job candidates' interviewing skills by conducting practice interviews with students and finding employers to help. They gave their time and energy – for several weeks – always with a smile. I literally couldn't have done this project without them."

Dr. Harriette Dudley, Public Services department head/Early Childhood Development instructor, sent her thanks to **Jeannie Otey**:

"I just wanted to thank you so much for your efficiency and thoroughness. Tom is overjoyed with his new printer, and Deb just commented on how quickly you responded to her request for a computer for the adjunct office. I also am remiss for not thanking you before now for taking care of several of my computer issues and upgrades at the end of last semester. I am always confident that when I send you an email or refer someone to you that the issue will be handled in a timely manner."

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If you wish to thank someone publicly, share personal news, brag about a recent accomplishment in your unit, or any other highlight, send it in for our "Brag & Share" column. E-mail your submission (65 words or less) with "Brag & Share" in the subject line to Lisa Garrett at lgarrett@tctc.edu.

Our College Family

excellence through service

Veterinary Technology instructor **Christee Williams** is our nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year award and attended a luncheon recognizing this achievement March 1.

Last May she was honored with the highest award presented to the Tri-County faculty, the Presidential Medallion for Instructional Excellence. In September, Christee, a licensed veterinary technician and alumna of our Veterinary Technology program, was asked to serve on the 2011 Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) Practice Analysis Task Force.



Christee Williams

Science instructor **Phil Gilmour** has been invited to join the MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) Chemistry Editorial Board. MERLOT has more than 100,000 members and more than 32,000 member-contributed learning materials geared toward higher education. MERLOT is unique in that it has a peer review model that is similar to science journals. One of the aims of MERLOT is to apply peer review standards to the collection of the online learning materials so that faculty can access high quality materials for online and lecture courses. One of the beliefs is that this collaborative effort will allow faculty to more efficiently create high quality online courses and learning modules.



Phil Gilmour

"One of the reasons I decided to join the board is to become more familiar with new ideas in online learning," said Phil. "Already, I worked with other chemistry board members to select this year's "Classic" Chemistry Learning Material award. I realized that the review process is forcing me to re-learn certain chemistry materials, as well as introducing me to unfamiliar chemistry concepts. I believe it will be an excellent professional development tool as well."

MERLOT is supported by the National Science Foundation and the Educational Learning Initiative as well as corporate sponsors such as Blackboard, Moodle, Adobe, ExLibris, and McGraw-Hill.

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ARTS & SCIENCES DIVISION

Karen Baracsckay is our new science instructor at the Easley Campus. Karen has a B.A. in Psychology and a master of Science in Biology from Cleveland State University, and a Ph.D. in Neurosciences from Case Western Reserve University. She was a postdoctoral fellow for the laboratory of James H. Meador-Woodruff at the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan.



Karen Baracsckay

She had held adjunct teaching positions at Edison State College, Hodges University, and Ursuline College. She has worked at a lab instructor at Cuyahoga Community College.

She has two children, Donald, 15, and Ian, 8. Karen lives in Greenville.

Brag & Share

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Tonia Faulling joined the Math Department of the Comprehensive Studies Division. She has worked as a math tutor for the learning lab and was an adjunct math instructor for Comprehensive Studies.

Tonia has a B.A. in Secondary Education Math from Clemson University. She and her husband, Everett, live in Liberty.



Tonia Faulling

LIBRARY

Michele Gregg is our Reference and Instruction Librarian. She moved to the area from Ohio where she was Librarian for the Brecksville Broadview Heights School District for 11 years. She also has worked as a reading teacher for seventh and eighth graders and in special education.

She has a bachelor's degree in Special Education from Bowling Green State University and a master's in Library Science from Kent State University.

She and her daughter, Audrey, 16, live in Clemson.



Michele Gregg

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

After more than a year as Acting Program Manager for the Highway Construction department, **Mary Corley** is now the full time director. Mary was Program Administrator for Clemson University's Asphalt Rubber Technology Services for nine years and Program Coordinator of the SCDOT Technician certification course for five years.

Mary has B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from Clemson. She and her husband, Chris, have two children, Emma, 8, and Logan 22 months. They are members of Central Presbyterian Church in Anderson. They live in Pendleton.



Mary Corley

While on family medical leave with her husband, **Amy Hart**, admissions specialist, received several gifts for her baby, who is due March 4. She expresses her gratitude to the anonymous gift giver:

"I would like to thank the "Baby Fairy" for the beautiful baby carrier and stroller combination that was shipped to my home. My family and I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and know that Blaize will absolutely love it. Thank you again!"

Anderson Police Department Captain Kevin Marsee sent a letter to Dr. Booth, thanking **Sue Bladzick** and **Tim Bowen** for their assistance at the Anderson Campus where his department co-hosted the Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction training through the United States Department of Transportation and the Drug Law Enforcement Training program through Homeland Security.

Captain Marsee writes: "Tim Bowen and Sue Bladzick were instrumental in forming a partnership with our agency and with assisting the Anderson Police Department by providing space for the training. Throughout the planning and preparation phase, they were extremely helpful in assisting with needs for parking, electronic requirements, refreshments, and other necessities. With their assistance, we were able to collaborate in a professional training initiative that was enjoyable, professional and well orchestrated. We are grateful for their service."

Heather Gordon, principal at Pendleton High School, wrote **Alison Reynolds**, thanking her for being a part of the school's Career Fair.

"I sincerely appreciate your taking time out of your busy work schedule to talk to our students about your career field and their career options. One of our goals for our students is to help them to explore a variety of career options and to help them better understand the various paths to those options. The first-hand knowledge you brought to our students helps authenticate the many things they are learning in our classrooms. The education of our young people is a partnership, and members of the business community play an extremely valuable role."



Campus Store Pet Food Drive

During the month of February, all of our community campuses participated in a pet food drive to benefit Freedom Fences, a non-profit animal welfare organization based in Anderson County. Also benefiting from the drive was the Anderson County Humane society. Many thanks to our faculty, staff, and students, who donated 40 bags of cat and dog food and 400 cans of cat and dog food for these organizations. Freedom Fences volunteer **Anna Stuart**, a veterinary technician and a 2010 alumna of our Veterinary Technology program, is pictured with the donations.

Golden OPPORTUNITIES to shape the future



Lakeside Steel and Machine in Anderson, owned and operated by **Jack Jenkins**, second from left, and his son, **Brad Jenkins**, far right, contributed \$30,000 to name the robotics lab in the Industrial Technology Center. Currently under renovation, this state-of-the-art center will include training for welding, as well as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. The facility is located on Highway 76 in Sandy Springs and is set to open during the 2012-2013 academic year. The 42,000-square-foot building, formerly the Virginia Products Tobacco Building, is located on five acres of land and is just four miles from the Pendleton Campus.

Pictured with them are, from left, **John Lummus**, vice president of economic and institutional advancement; **Dr. Booth**; and **Elisabeth Gadd**, director of development for the College.



Mike Ertzberger, pictured here, and his wife Debbie (not pictured) recently started the General Machine of Anderson Scholarship Fund, in memory of Chad R. Smith, to support Anderson County residents. Mr. Ertzberger is pictured here with **Elisabeth Gadd**, director of development.

“Mr. and Mrs. Ertzberger are sensitive to the challenges students face today in trying to obtain their education. They want to help deserving students reach their educational dreams and secure positions in the community in order to support their families,” said Elisabeth.



The Anderson Rotary Club made a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation for its Anderson Rotary Club Scholarship fund. President-elect **Linda M. Gallicchio**, who presided at the meeting, presented the check to **John Lummus**, vice president for economic and institutional advancement.

Career Services Expands Services to Community Campuses

Glenn Hellenga, director of Career Services, seen here greeting a student, will be in the front lobby of the Anderson Campus every other Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. until noon to introduce students to the services his office provides. In the near future, Alison Reynolds, career counselor, will be visiting the Oconee Campus, and Lynn Smith, also a career counselor, will be at Easley.

“We are very excited that Glenn is at the Anderson Campus representing Career Services,” said Butch Merritt, community campus student services coordinator. “It’s important for students to have a clear career goal. Those students who have a career goal and remain focused on that goal tend to graduate from college and land that special job that they so deserve.”

Whether you’re a new or continuing student or a Tri-County graduate, the Career Services Office offers a wide range of services to assist individuals in meeting their needs, including: personalized career counseling & goal setting; job search guidance and job listings; career information and resources; career fairs and on-campus recruitment opportunities; information on local/regional employers; and workshops and seminars.



Executive Staff Updates

- **Commission Meeting:** The College Three-Year Strategic Plan (2013-15) was approved by the Commission at its February meeting. Roll-out and implementation will be tied to budget preparation, EPMS/FPMS, outcomes/assessment, and division/department meetings, and communications.
- **Mission and Vision:** Six focus groups were held in February to gather feedback for updating the College’s vision and mission. New statement should be finalized by the end of the academic year.
- **Matriculation Process Consulting:** The College hired a consultant to review the College’s matriculation process and identify opportunities for improvement. The project team will develop recommendations for next steps.
- **CCE programs:** The College is working with Anderson County to obtain acreage to conduct a heavy equipment training program.
- **FY 2013 Budget:** The Business Office will conduct budget planning workshops during the month of March. All employees are encouraged to attend, even those who do not manage budgets, so they will understand budgeting issues, the tie-in to strategic planning, etc.
- **President’s Advisory Council:** This new committee has been formed to play a broad role in strategic planning, address critical issues and priorities, improve communication across all levels of the institution, shape our institutional culture, and more. The Committee Charter and Membership list will be posted in eTC.
- **Other:** Strategic Plan rollout strategy; service learning; Fall Semester enrollment issues and planning; and updated policies and procedures.



Students Compete in Soul Points Black History Quiz

The Student Life and Counseling office sponsored a Soul Points Black History Quiz on the Anderson, Easley, and Pendleton Campuses during Black History Month. Teams consisting of three students and a coach answered questions on the following topics: art, hip hop, quotes, and film.

Merritt Encourages Students To Explore Career Options



Butch Merritt, community campus student services coordinator assigned to the Anderson Campus, recently spoke to students at Nevitt Forest Community School of Innovation in Anderson. In his remarks, titled “College: The Place for Me,” Butch encouraged the fifth graders to begin preparing now for their future. He talked about the college experience, including the admissions process, student aid, majors, choosing a college, and more important, choosing a career. Outlining the steps in choosing a career, Butch told the group to get to know themselves and how they relate to the world of work; gather information about the many careers available; explore all the options; and establish an action plan to reach your career goals.

LC² Introduces Smarter Measure



The Title III LC² office sponsored a professional development luncheon seminar titled “LC²: The Impact on Student Success.” Around 15 full-time and adjunct faculty, along with staff, attended the seminar where **Lou Ann Martin** and **Katy Goforth** gave an update on the LC² accomplishments of last year. The group got hands-on experience using Smarter Measure results to better advise and place students into learning communities.

Cook Signs Letter of Intent



Brent Cook, of Bamberg, seated middle, signed a national letter of intent to play men’s soccer at Tri-County Technical College. He is pictured with his parents, **John and Jackie Cook**. A 2012 graduate of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, Brent scored 23 goals and had 15 assists last year. He also made all-region 2012 MVP. A member of the Varsity Soccer team for four years, he made All Region in 2011. He also was a member of the school’s Varsity Wrestling team, which won the State Championship in 2011. He was a member of the Varsity Football team in 2009, 2010 and 2012. His position was kicker. In 2011 he was on the Varsity Cross Country team. Brent also attended Palmetto Boys State.

Tri-County Technical College’s athletics programs include varsity-level women’s basketball, women’s and men’s soccer and men’s golf. Teams are sanctioned by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and compete within Region 10 at the Division I level.

Lady Hawks Finish Season



PHOTO BY CAROLYN WHITE

The Lady Hawks basketball team played the final games of the season in a March 1 – 3 tournament.

Here, players **Alisha Kahan**, #3 with ball, **Nakia Lowery**, #4, and **Kiandra Hood**, in back, #5, are seen in a game against Clinton Junior College earlier in the season.