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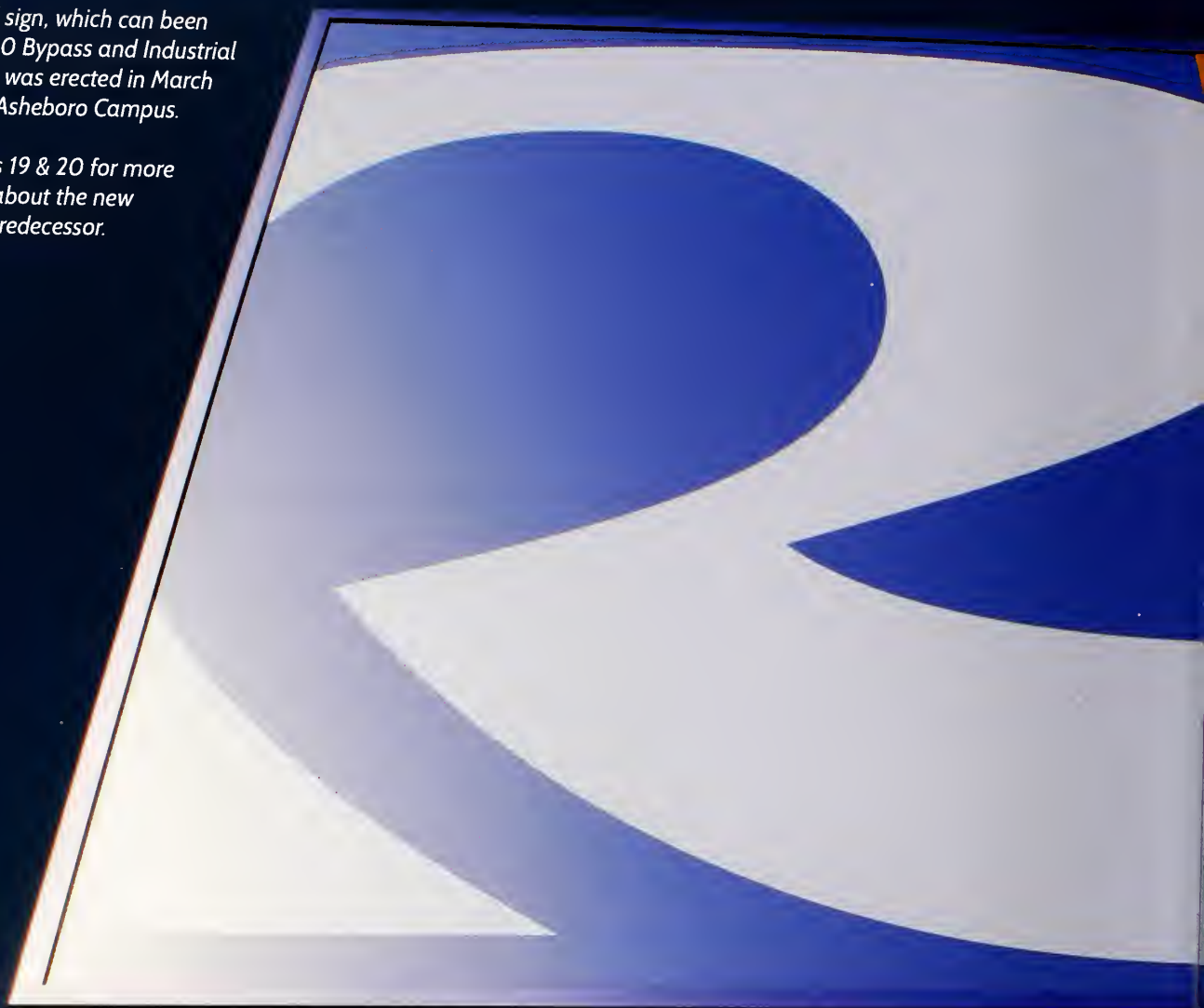


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A new digital sign, which can be seen from 220 Bypass and Industrial Park Avenue, was erected in March 2014 on the Asheboro Campus.

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*On the Cover: The 2014 Curriculum Graduation Ceremony
was held at Providence Grove High School.*

★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ★

"I got my start at RCC."

I am so proud to say that I hear this from someone in our community on a regular basis. Everywhere I go in Randolph County, people come up to me and tell me they attended Randolph Community College and what a great start RCC gave them. To me, that truly brings our mission of Creating Opportunities and Changing Lives full circle. I'd also like to think it means these former students will feel a positive connection to RCC for the rest of their lives.

I often say that, "It's all about relationships," and our relationships with our students and alumni are among the most important that we foster. For many of the students currently attending and considering attending RCC, scholarships are a vital component of their ability to attend. Raising money for scholarships to help those students is the purpose of our annual Dancing with the Randolph Stars event, now in its fifth year. We just welcomed students from across the county to our campus who applied to be a Presidential Scholar, a special program we began three years ago. The Presidential Scholar program provides \$2,500 per year for two years for five high school seniors.

For those students currently attending classes at one of our campuses or facilities, a cross section of staff and faculty work together daily under the service motto of "radical hospitality" to ensure that the student experience is as positive and productive as possible. We are so proud of some of the most recent accomplishments of current photography and interior design students, as detailed in the articles on pages five through eight. Other current and former students are highlighted throughout this issue.

For students who have already completed their coursework at RCC, we have increased our focus on fostering and strengthening relationships with those alumni in recent months and are pleased to highlight our alumni. You may have gotten some communication from our director of development, Lorie McCroskey, about joining the RCC Alumni Association. The RCC Alumni Association actively supports the College in its mission of Creating Opportunities and Changing Lives, and we have dedicated ourselves to fostering a lifelong relationship with the members of that group. There are four categories of membership (active, associate,

honorary and retiree), it's free, and you don't even have to be a graduate to join us. You'll be hearing and seeing more about our Alumni Association, and we hope you'll find it a great way to stay connected with us. Some of our alumni are in very visible roles in the community, such as dentist Daryl Hill, Randolph County Sheriff Maynard Reid, and Randolph Electric Membership Corporation President Dale Lambert. Other RCC graduates have started their own businesses, such as G-Force South President Roger Chilton and Keith Clapp, owner of Autocraft Technologies. Many other alumni, too numerous to mention in this article, are making their presence felt and making a difference throughout our community in ways big and small.

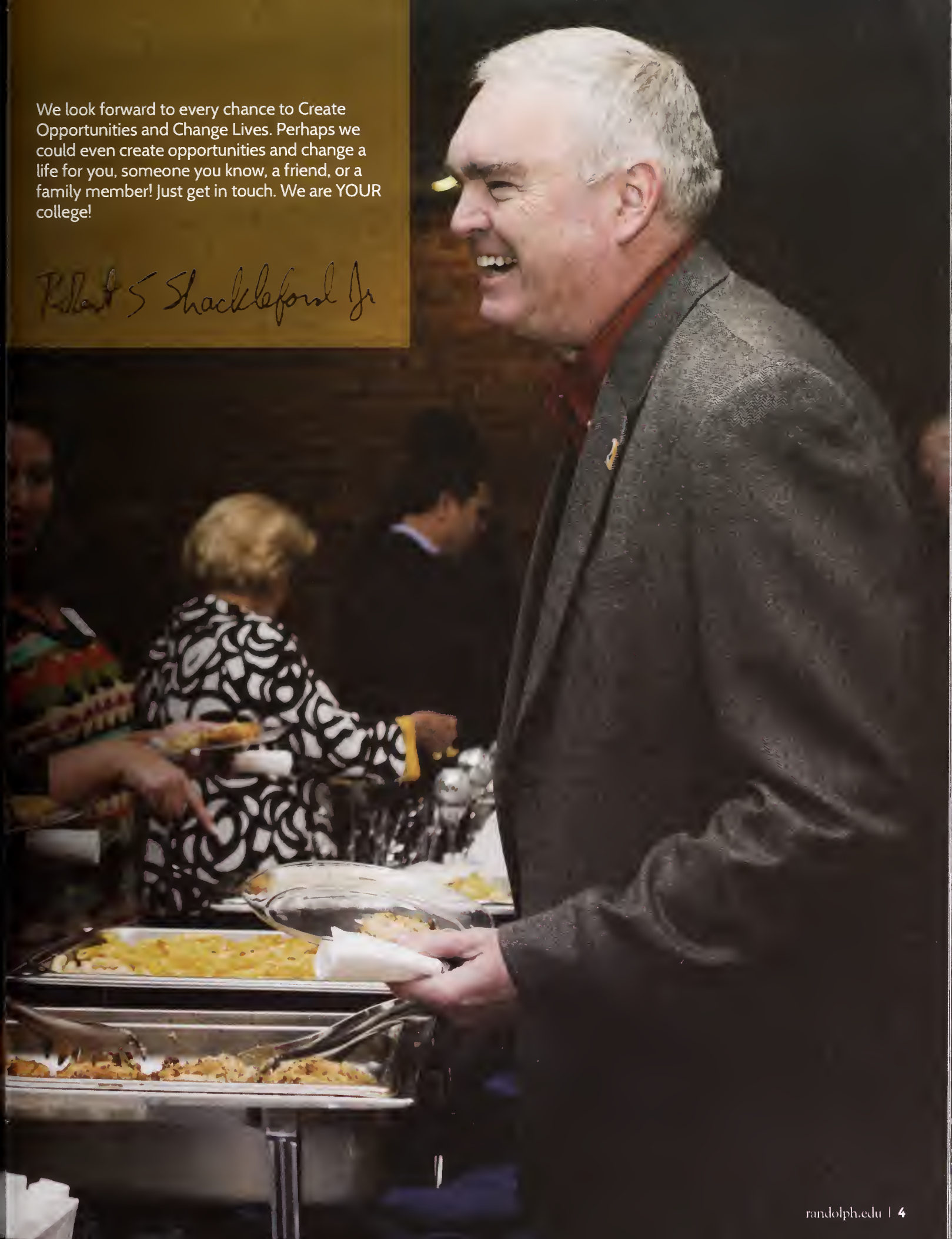
One category of alumni association membership we are especially pleased about is the retiree group. So many of our retirees have remained connected to the College and are making such a positive impact in our community. To recognize those efforts, the Randolph Community College Foundation hosted a Retiree Appreciation Luncheon on March 21 in Azalea Park on the Asheboro Campus. Approximately 20 retirees attended the event, which is intended to become an annual event and will also provide special recognition to retirees from the previous year.

Other vitally important relationships that we highly value and foster are those with our community partners and friends. There is a reason the word "community" is in our name, and community collaboration is the very cornerstone of so much that we do. That is vividly demonstrated by the opening of our new Randleman Center.

There is much more in this issue of our magazine, and we hope you enjoy it. Please know that however you are connected to RCC, we look forward to continuing our relationship with you. If you want to get to know us better, we would love to show you our campus and tell you about our programs. Just give us a call.

We look forward to every chance to Create Opportunities and Change Lives. Perhaps we could even create opportunities and change a life for you, someone you know, a friend, or a family member! Just get in touch. We are YOUR college!

Robert S. Shackelford Jr.



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Victory



By Design

SERIOUSLY AWESOME

Randolph Community College Interior Design Student Wins \$10,000 Scholarship in Design Competition

Adriann Welch (left), a second-year RCC Interior Design student from Robbins, won first place in the Bernice Wenenstock Furniture Library Competition in February. The competition was open to over 200 interior design and furniture design programs nationally who offer associate-, bachelor's-, and master's-level design programs.

As part of the competition, my DES 241 Commercial Design class designed a two-story, barrier-free camp for traditional and special needs children, ages 8-14, in the northeastern Poconos," said Holly Barker, department head for the design programs at RCC. "To gain a better understanding of camp design for youths with disabilities, we visited and conducted research at Victory Junction Gang Camp."

Welch's design concept was called "The Dew Drop" to symbolize refreshment, simplicity and renewal, according to her concept statement. "This concept creates a space that provides a calming and reviving atmosphere, one that is not

only comforting, but also simplifies the fast paced life of today's society," she said.

The design utilizes clean and simple lines and furnishings chosen with the end users in mind—non-glare surfaces, high contrast colors, and large bold graphics suitable for visually impaired campers. Welch's activity center also takes advantage of the beautiful setting of the Pocono Mountains with large window groupings.

Welch and RCC's Interior Design program were recognized on April 7 at the prestigious Pinnacle Awards during the High Point Furniture Market. For her win, Welch received a check for \$10,000, which she intends to use to further her education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Articles about Welch's accomplishment appeared in national industry magazines Furniture World and Furniture/Today.

Interior Design Program Dominates Unity in Style Competition



RCC's Interior Design program won both first and second place in this year's Unity In Style Competition hosted by the High Point Design Center.

Sheryl Pugh of Franklinville won first place and \$1,000; Adriann Welch of Robbins, won second place and \$500. Both Pugh and Welch were honored and presented with their checks at the Unity in Style student/industry reception held Feb. 20 at Market Square.

According to Holly Barker, department head for the design programs at RCC (pictured left with Welch and Pugh), the competition was open to all associate and bachelor's degree Interior Design programs in nine southeastern states. The students were given the challenge of developing a client profile and aesthetic, then designing a residential space meeting specific functioning needs of the clients. Students had to select and specify product from 30 different design manufacturers offered through the Design Center, then visually communicate their ideas.



Capturing the Light

Randolph Community College's Photojournalism instructor Jay Capers won third place in the Environmental Single category of the National Press Photographers Association's Best of Photojournalism contest recently.

Final judging in this year's Best of Photojournalism contest was completed in late March at Ohio University's School of Visual Communications in Athens. Capers won for his photo (above) of the Northern Lights dancing off a teepee in Yellowknife, the capital city and largest community of the Northwest Territories (NWT), Canada. This is Capers' second win in the NPPA contest; he earned an honorable mention in 2001.

Photographic Technology students Dillon Deaton of Asheboro, Abbi O'Leary of Franklinville, Daniel Whittaker of Greensboro, and Jesse Fath of Burlington brought home awards from the North Carolina Press Photographers Association awards held in Charlotte in February. The students competed directly against the professionals in the field. Deaton won 1st and 3rd Place-Cell Phone Photo and Honorable Mention-Feature. O'Leary won 3rd Place-Feature. Whittaker (photo top right) and Fath (photo bottom right) both won an Honorable Mention-Pictorial.





Jerry Wolford named NCPPA Photographer of the Year

Randolph Community College photography graduate Jerry Wolford won the Photographer of the Year award from the North Carolina Press Photographers Association for the second year in the row. It was the third time in his career that he has earned the POY honor. The awards were given out at the organization's annual contest and meeting in February in Charlotte.

Wolford, a Randleman native who has worked at the News & Record for over 27 years and is a former photographer for The Courier-Tribune, also won the Sports Photographer of the Year; 1st Place-General News; 1st Place and Honorable Mention-Feature Story; 1st Place and Honorable Mention-Sports Feature; 2nd Place-Spot News; 2nd and 3rd Place-Sports Story; and 3rd Place-Sports Action.

N.C. Press Association Lauds RCC Grads

Wesley Beeson, The Sanford Herald, 2nd/Photo Page, 2nd/Best Video (team award); **Cindy Burnham**, The Fayetteville Observer, 3rd/Feature Photo; **Mark Dolejs**, The Daily Dispatch, 1st/Photo Page, 1st/Feature Photography, 2nd/Sports Feature Photo, 2nd/Sports Photography, 2nd/Illustration/Photo Illustration, 3rd/Sports Photography; **Jon Lakey**, Salisbury Post,

2nd/Best Video (team award); **Donnie Roberts**, The Dispatch, 1st/Sports Photography; **Todd Sumlin**, The Charlotte Observer, 1st/Best Video, 3rd/Illustration/Photo Illustration; **Bernard Thomas**, The Herald-Sun, 1st/General News Photography; **Jerry Wolford**, News & Record, 1st/Feature Photography, 1st/General News Photography, 3rd/Photo Page.



Exploring Veterans Potential for Peace Through Photography

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Darren Stewart (far left) was one of the subjects who posed for the Photographic Explorations of Veterans Potential for Peace project, an exhibit put together by RCC Photographic Technology Department Head Chuck Egerton as part of his graduate studies in the Peace and Conflict Studies department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The show was recently featured at UNCG's Elliott University Center Gallery and at RCC's Photography Imaging Center.



Egerton (inset photo) said the exhibit "focuses on giving veterans a powerful presence through intimate portraits, in ways that words cannot." The series of portraits includes personal statements from the veterans about their service.

Winning...hands down

Cosmetology students show off their skills at competition.

Randolph Community College's Cosmetology students continue to excel at peer competitions. The students captured several trophies from the North Carolina Cosmetology Aesthetics Nails Association Student Competition held in November at the Double Tree Hilton in Greensboro.

"They enjoy competing," said Robin Coble, department head for RCC's Cosmetology programs. She estimated RCC had between 40 to 45 students who attended and garnered a large red trophy as the "school with the most participants" at the competition.

Winning individuals:

- ✦ Jennifer Matney of Franklinville - 1st place Photography*
- ✦ Micah Crisco of Biscoe - 2nd place Photography*
- ✦ Emily Nooe of Asheboro - 3rd place Photography*
- ✦ Lisbeth Lopez of Asheboro - 1st place Nail Fantasy
- ✦ Katie Sessoms of Archdale - 2nd place Bridal Mannequin
- ✦ Morgan Hill of Asheboro - 2nd place Nail Fantasy
- ✦ Gleydy Acosta of Asheboro - 3rd place Nail Fantasy
- ✦ Rodricka Chavis of Asheboro - 3rd place Bridal Mannequin

*Mannequin styling judged from photographs.

RCC's Cosmetology program currently has more than 50 students enrolled. The school offers an associate degree, diploma or certificate in Cosmetology and certificates in Cosmetology Instructor and Manicuring/Nail Technology. Students in the program gain hands-on experience through a salon environment operated by the College and open to the public. The Cosmetology Center is located in the Hillside Shopping Center at 1003 S. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro.

Services offered include hair cuts, styling, perms/relaxers, hair color, skin care, manicures, pedicures, and scalp treatments. Hours vary due to the academic calendar and semester breaks. For operating hours and current prices, visit www.randolph.edu/cosmetology/salon.php.

The Cosmetology Instructor curriculum provides the skills needed for graduates to teach the theory and practice of cosmetology as required by the North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Arts. The 24-hour certificate allows graduates to be employed as instructors in public or private educational institutions or businesses.

The 12-hour Manicuring/Nail Technology certificate provides both hands-on fundamentals and scientific/artistic principles associated with the nail technology industry. After successful completion of the program and passing the state license exam, graduates can work in beauty and nail salons and in related businesses.



Jennifer Matney

Micah Crisco

Emily Nooe

Lisbeth Lopez

Katie Sessoms

Some of RCC's Welding Technology students pose outside the elephant barn. From left are Danny Rhamy, Jayce Kinney, Alston Greené, Kenneth Brown, Dilip Tolani, Jeremy Shelar, Brandon Powell, and Frank Turner.

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Hey, hey, HAY!

Welding Students Fabricate Elephant Hay Feeder

RCC's Welding Technology program, housed at the College's Archdale Center, came to the aid of the N.C. Zoo last year with a collaborative project that resulted in a better feeding situation for the Zoo's elephants.

Zoo officials initially approached David Holcomb, RCC's Welding department head, with a problem: when zoo elephants consumed hay from the ground, a good bit of sand got swept up with the food. The solution: a feeder that would keep hay off the ground.

The students came up with the initial design, presented it to the zookeepers, made refinements based on their feedback, and delivered a prototype. "The hay feeder that David and his students built looks and works fantastic!" said Dennis Cordier, N.C. Zoo elephant manager.

Student Dilip Tolani of Archdale was the project leader and built the prototype as his fabrication project for the semester. Many of the other Welding students contributed to the final design and all helped build six additional feeders that were mounted by Zoo personnel at different points inside and outside the elephant barn.

An opening allows the elephant access to the feed. In addition, a round hollow ball with openings is mounted on an inner pole and is sometimes filled with elephant treats, like sweet feed and monkey biscuits, to give the elephants a challenge. Elephant handler Jennifer Hathaway said the complex design forces the elephants to take longer to eat and gives them an activity. "It is a form of enrichment for them," she said.

C'sar tries out the new elephant feeder (left).

EPIC NEWS

BREAKING JOB GENDER STEREOTYPES

Nate Auler, Nursing

Nate Auler of Asheboro is the youngest of six, the son of John and Karen Auler, a Christian, and recently engaged to Amanda Swink.

Auler chose the Associate Degree Nursing program at RCC because he felt that it would better prepare him for the NCLEX and his future profession as an RN. Auler said, "The program has definitely been arduous, but who would want someone taking care of them in the hospital if they hadn't been properly prepared for the job? The program allowed me the opportunity to gain the experience and knowledge needed to make the transition from student to RN."

Auler's future plans are to get a job at a hospital, get married, attain his BSN, and one day become a Nurse Practitioner.



Shannon Everson, Welding

Shannon Everson of Randleman is a single mother of four, and she successfully balances the demands of being a single mother with the demands of the 40-hour Welding Technology program.

Everson says, "The welding/metalworking trades run in my blood...my grandfather was a Randolph County blacksmith." She is very proud of that and would like to continue the metalworking history in her family.

Everson wants to build trailers and be self-employed one day. She is a hard worker and understands the challenges involved with welding.




Ginger Hancock, Machining

Ginger Hancock of Ramseur is a wife, mother, grandmother, and a student in RCC's Computer-Integrated Machining program. She has three children and one grandson.

When Hancock found out about a Fast-Track Machining class through RCC's Corporate and Continuing Education division last fall, she said, "I wasn't really working at the time, so I thought... 'Hmm...I'll go do that.'" Hancock said she really enjoyed the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) part of the class, so she decided to enroll in the curriculum program. "I want to be a CNC programmer or a CAD programmer," she said. "Hopefully it will be a good future."

Machining instructor Steve Maness said Hancock "is a model student. She works hard, comes in early, and is always willing to help the other students that maybe didn't get it as quickly. It has been real pleasure to teach her."



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- ★ Student Government Association President
 - ★ SGA First-Year Delegate
 - ★ RCC Foundation Ambassador
 - ★ NCCCS Student Leadership Development Program
 - ★ RCC Student Leadership Academy Graduate
 - ★ Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Inductee
 - ★ SGA Public Information Officer
 - ★ N4CSGA Central Division Representative

A LEADER WITH A **BIG HEART!**

By Cathy Hefferin

Connor Bryant has lived a very interesting life, having had 20 surgeries in the 19 years of his life to correct a bilateral cleft lip and palate. Many of these surgeries have had a two- to three-month recovery period, but Bryant has never let his setbacks hinder him.

Bryant earned a spot as a Foundation Ambassador at the end of his first year at RCC and became involved in the Student Government Association. Outside of RCC, Bryant has participated in a number of leadership opportunities including the Jeff Myers Secrets to Everyday Leaders course, volunteering with Operation Smile, and helping raise \$21,000 in just one year to help people with similar needs to his own.

Bryant recently graduated from the North Carolina Community College System Student Leadership

Development Program, a competitive statewide leadership program.

"Connor is one of the most driven students I have had the privilege of working with," said Shane Bryson, RCC student activities coordinator. "If there is a student event on our campus, it's almost guaranteed that Connor is involved in some way. He is not only an outstanding student leader but an even more outstanding asset and friend to his fellow students. More than once I have seen him go out of his way to help a struggling classmate. He is the epitome of a servant leader."

Enrolled in RCC's Associate in Arts Business Administration Pre-Major program, Bryant hopes to transfer to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and major in international business.

Randolph Community College held one of its largest College and Career Readiness Graduations in December 2013, due in part to changes in regulations surrounding the high school equivalency diploma.

In January, the GED® Testing Service launched a new computer-based test in North Carolina, so many students pushed to finish their credits under the old guidelines. About 280 students completed their requirements through RCC's program in December.

Since then, RCC has revamped its Adult Secondary Education program and is offering a free prep course for students who plan to take the GED® tests to obtain their high school equivalency diploma. Day, evening and online classes are offered covering the subject areas of Mathematical Reasoning, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning Through Language Arts.

Students also still have the opportunity to earn their Adult High School Diploma through RCC. As is the case with the traditional high school diploma, students are required to earn a total of 21 units of credit (including those that are transferable from their high school transcripts). The 21 competency-based units include English (4), math (4), social studies (3), science (3), health (1), and electives (6). This program is offered online. Seated classes are available on the Asheboro Campus and at the Archdale Center.

That's exactly what Evelyn Gongaware (inset) of Asheboro did, walking across the stage in December to accept her Adult High School Diploma from RCC. She had been working toward that goal for 10 years. Gongaware said she dropped out of Sunshine High School in Golden Valley, N.C., in the ninth grade in 1984 because of bullying. It would be 19 years before she tried again. But when Gongaware started back to school in March 2003 to get her GED, the classes overwhelmed her. She suffers from ADD (attention deficit disorder), dyslexia, and post-traumatic stress disorder from child abuse. "There were times that I walked out of the classroom crying because I didn't understand," she said.

An RCC instructor suggested she try the Adult High School Diploma program. That was better, said Gongaware, because she only had to concentrate on one class at a time. "Some of the classes took me a year or more to finish," she said. "But (the RCC instructors) never gave up on me."



Landmark for High School





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Community

Randolph Community College is all about community. After all, it is part of our name. This spring RCC has reached out to our community through employment opportunities, training, and self-awareness.

The **One Stop Job Start** was a huge success due to the North Carolina Back-to-Work grant. The short-term training opportunities, offered with free tuition for eligible students, had many students eagerly signing up for classes. Those who attended the One Stop Job Start learned about training opportunities for careers in Accelerated Machining, Electrical, Emergency Medical Technician, HVAC, Maintenance Mechanics, Paramedic, Pharmacy Technician, Plumbing, and Welding. Plus, local companies who are actively hiring were on hand to provide information and answer questions about their industries.

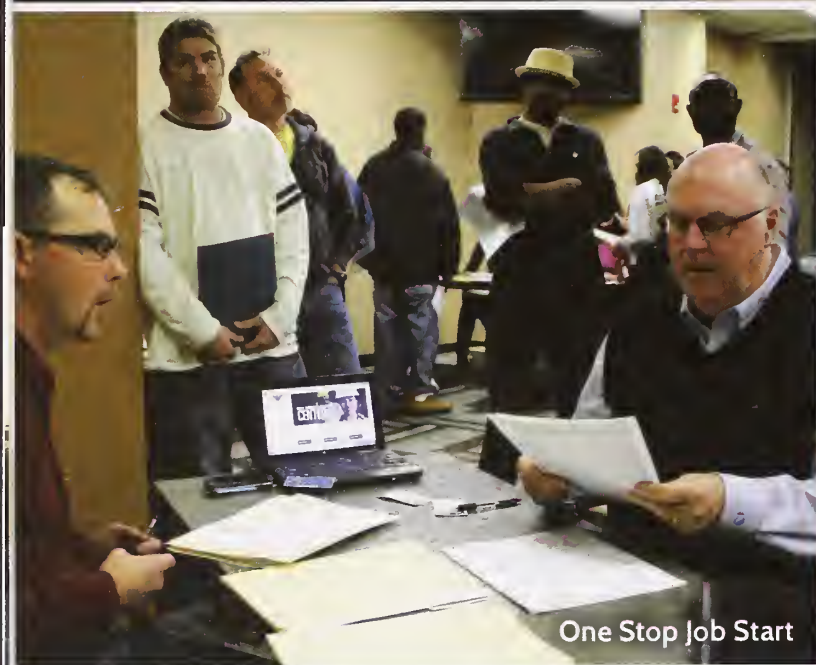
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July 18th, 2013



Back-To-Work Program



One Stop Job Start



Employer Preview



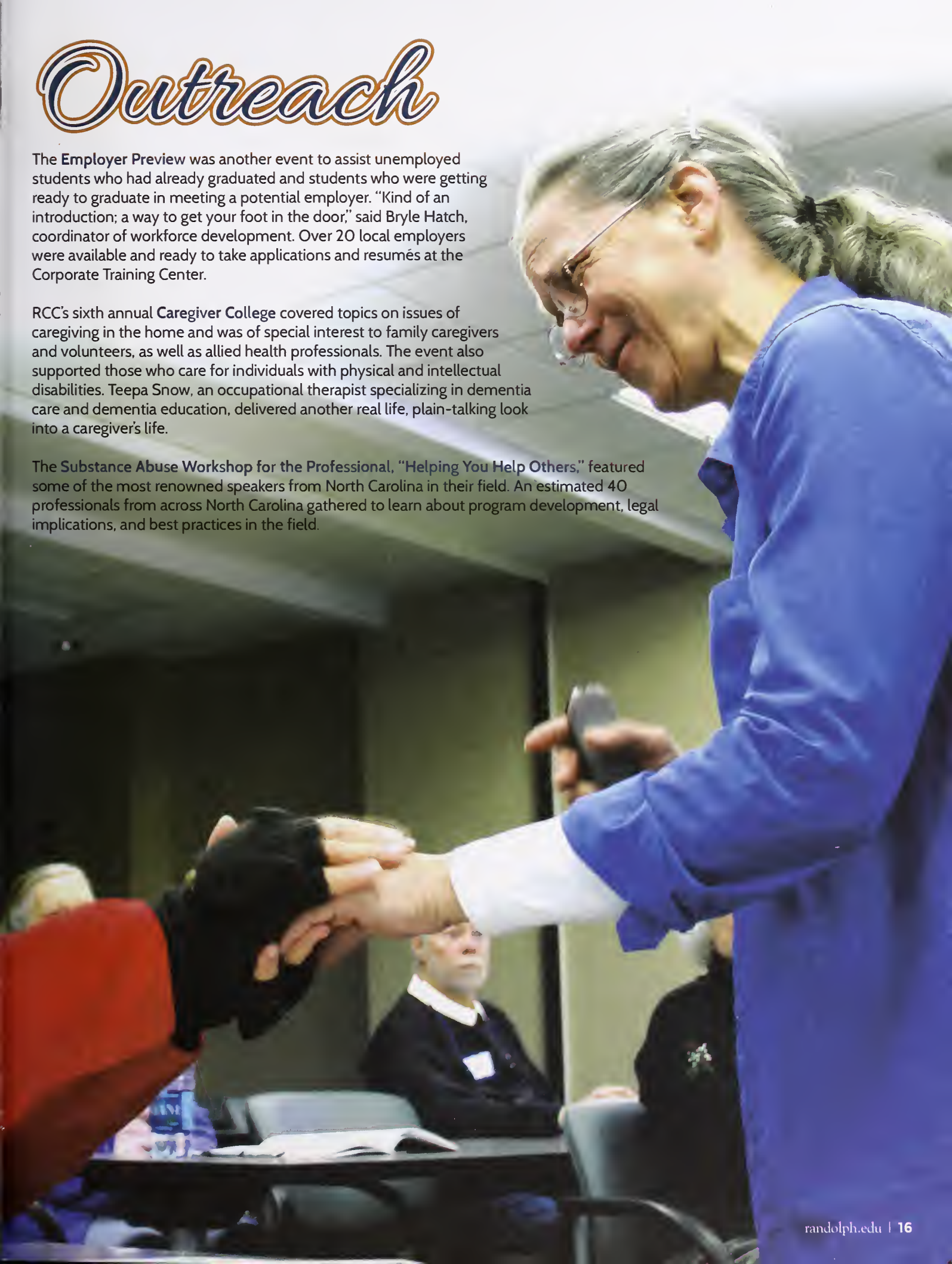
Teepa Snow (right) role plays with a participant at the Caregiver College.

Outreach

The **Employer Preview** was another event to assist unemployed students who had already graduated and students who were getting ready to graduate in meeting a potential employer. "Kind of an introduction; a way to get your foot in the door," said Bryle Hatch, coordinator of workforce development. Over 20 local employers were available and ready to take applications and resumés at the Corporate Training Center.

RCC's sixth annual **Caregiver College** covered topics on issues of caregiving in the home and was of special interest to family caregivers and volunteers, as well as allied health professionals. The event also supported those who care for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. Teepa Snow, an occupational therapist specializing in dementia care and dementia education, delivered another real life, plain-talking look into a caregiver's life.

The **Substance Abuse Workshop for the Professional, "Helping You Help Others,"** featured some of the most renowned speakers from North Carolina in their field. An estimated 40 professionals from across North Carolina gathered to learn about program development, legal implications, and best practices in the field.





Randolph Community College Makes Its Presence Known in Randleman

By Cathy Hefferin

Randolph Community College took another important step toward fulfilling its community outreach goals when it opened its Randleman Center in January. The 4,400-square-foot facility is located at 100 Hilliary Street in the old police department building. It houses four classrooms, a testing room, three offices, and a reception area.

RCC's administration had been working with Randleman city officials for some time to locate a space that could be used by the College. When the Randleman City Hall moved to a former bank building on South Main Street and the Police Department took over the former city hall building, the space on Hilliary Street became available for the College's use.

RCC President Robert Shackelford said, "We are very grateful for Randleman's city administration working with us to help make RCC's presence in Randleman a reality. I am certain it will be a win-win relationship. We are looking forward to being a vital part of Randleman's continued growth and development."

Initial offerings at the RCC Randleman Center have included basic computer skills in English and Spanish, advanced computer skills classes, QuickBooks classes, ServSafe classes, Pharmacy Technician classes, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), an employability lab, and high school equivalency classes.

RCC's Small Business Center director is available on-site one day a week to help local businesses, and N.C. Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning (REAL) classes are available at the facility. The Randleman Center office is open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and classes are held at various times, days and evenings.

The Pharmacy Technician classes have been very popular, according to a report Dr. Shackelford recently gave to a community group. "We have two classes running with over 25 in each class and a considerable waiting list for the next class," he said.

Small Business Center REAL classes offered at the Randleman Center!

N.C. Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning (REAL) classes are designed to make entrepreneurial training accessible to the communities and people who need it most. These free classes lead participants through the principles of constructing a business plan with hands-on exercises.

Topics include an overview of the REAL course and entrepreneurship, a self-assessment and introduction to business planning, feasibility, marketing, operations, financials, and writing a business plan. Students present their business plans at the end of the course. For more information on REAL training, contact RCC's Small Business Center at 336-633-0216.



Tina Klein

- ✓ Part-Time Coordinator Randleman Center
- ✓ Part-Time Mathematics Instructor
- ✓ Randolph Community College Alumna
- ✓ Randleman Chamber Board Member

Randleman native Tina Klein assumed a new role in the community recently when she became the part-time coordinator of the RCC Randleman Center.

A graduate of Randleman High School, Klein returned to college as an older student, starting at RCC in 2002 and earning her Associate in Arts degree. She transferred to High Point University and earned a B.A. in Mathematics. Klein then taught math at Eastern Randolph High School for three years before joining RCC as a full-time math instructor. In addition to her duties in Randleman, Klein still teaches as an adjunct instructor at RCC's Asheboro Campus.

Klein, who also sits on the Randleman Chamber of Commerce board, has high hopes for Randleman's future. "The city is going through many changes," she said. "The College being there will boost the morale of the town. I would love to see (the Randleman Center) expand and grow, add curriculum classes, help people find employment, and help the small businesses in Randleman with access to small business classes."

Klein recently graduated from the Randleman Chamber's Leadership program. She is married to Blake Klein, who works for D & Y Well Drilling, and she has a grown son, Jeremy Hussey, who works for USIC Locating Services.

Sign of the Times

By Kris Julian and Clark Adams

From ancient Roman terracotta signboards to the illuminated overload in Times Square—from barber poles to billboards, signage has held an important role in culture to inform, identify, protect, entice and entertain. The various entrances, buildings and light poles of Randolph Community College have not been exempt from sign placement. Whether it's lettering for identification, directional arrows or advertising banners, the campus has utilized a wide array of signage throughout its history. As the 21st century marches forward, old signs are demolished and glowing new insignias are erected to take advantage of new trends and technologies. RCC's signage timeline, just like the College itself, had humble beginnings.

When Randolph Community College opened its doors as the Randolph Industrial Education Center in the summer of 1962, the main entrance to the facility was located at the entrance where the Randolph County Career Center (Job Link) is now located, thus the school faced Fayetteville Street. The first signs to identify the new institution were placed on the exterior of what is now the Administration/Education Center, the only building on campus at the time, and at the main entrance to the school, which is now located behind the Merton H. Branson Business Education Center.



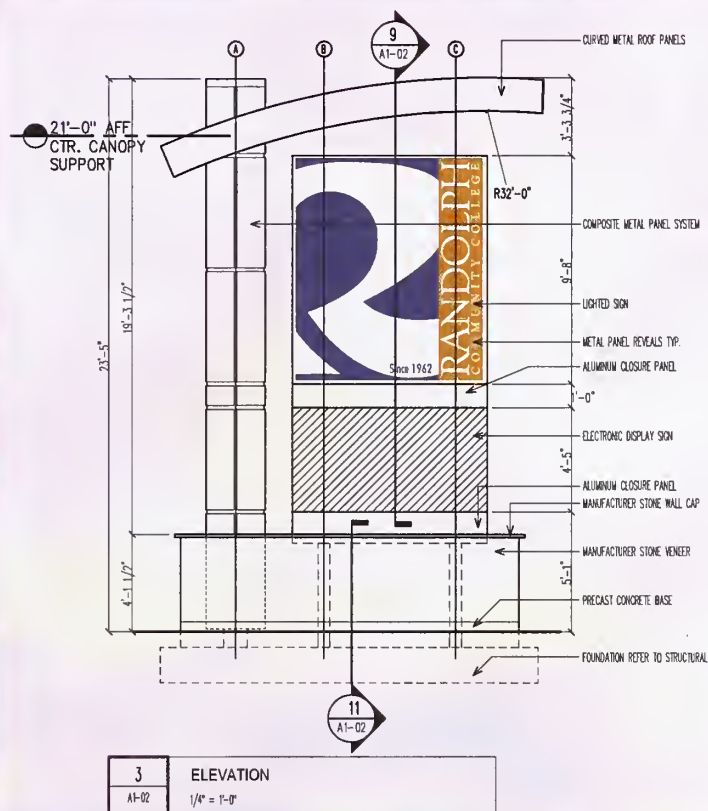
In August of 1963, the first sign to be placed off campus was erected at the corner of Industrial Park Avenue and Fayetteville Street, where the current Randolph Community College sign now sits. Erman Cox, the College's first maintenance supervisor, helped to place the sign along with Howard Brown of Hedgecock Home Building and Richard Buck of J. J. Croft architects. When the name of the school was changed to Randolph Technical Institute in October of 1965, a new sign was placed in this location. Signage on campus was also changed to reflect the change in the name of the institution. In 1979, Randolph Technical Institute became Randolph Technical College, and this prompted another change in signage. At this point, a large brick and concrete sign was erected on the front lawn of the campus facing U.S. Highway 220. In 1988, the College's name changed again to Randolph Community College and the lettering on this same sign was changed to reflect this. This hillside sign served the College for nearly 35 years.

Plans for a new sign began in late summer 2013, with conceptual renderings developed by Tim Garris of Garris Design Construction. Robert Carmac of Smith Sinnett Architects (the same architect who designed the award-winning Continuing Education and Industrial Center) developed the final plans, with structural engineering by Pence and Associates and electrical engineering by Dan Campbell Engineering. The new sign would be a blend of stone, steel and aluminum with double-sided, 9-foot-tall by 8-foot-wide RCC logos illuminated by internal LED strip lights. The logos sit atop dual 4-foot-tall by 8-foot-wide 12MM LED Watchfire Sign panels, capable of displaying full-color motion graphics and video.

Starting in late November 2013, the existing concrete and brick sign was demolished and hauled away. In January 2014, stonemasons working under Isley Construction of Asheboro began constructing what would become the base of the new sign, utilizing cultured ledgerstone to match other areas of the College. The new sign was manufactured by Atlantic Sign Media of Burlington and, though winter weather caused several construction delays, final installation was begun

in late February 2014. Once construction was completed, the new sign stood 25 feet tall with an aluminum wrapped column supporting a curved standing seam metal roof.

With all inspections completed and contracts finalized, the new RCC sign was illuminated on March 14. It currently displays announcements about upcoming events and opportunities as well as the time and temperature. At night, it serves as a glowing marker for riders passing by on Highway 220 Bypass/I-73/I-74. Structural signage on the campus has to be made to last for decades. With RCC's rich history of signage, this new icon will continue, for quite some time, to be a beacon of opportunity and lives changed.





Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 100 New Members

This spring, RCC inducted the largest group into Phi Theta Kappa in RCC's history—100 members. The new members will aid the PTK in holding to its high standards of leadership, service, fellowship, and scholarship. At this inductee ceremony, faculty advisor Waymon Martin (above left), department head for Business Administration, was given a pin to mark his ten years of service. Other faculty PTK advisors are Melissa Earliwine, Developmental Mathematics instructor; Clark Adams, English/Communication instructor; and Dorothy Hans, English instructor.

Recently, three members of RCC's chapter, Beta Theta Rho, were honored with awards. Josh Oldham received the Distinguished Chapter Member award, and Brandon Curtis and Albert Jones were inducted into the Carolinas Region Hall of Honor.

The 2013 Beta Theta Rho officer team consisted of Briana Gullet, president; Albert Jones, vice president; Scotty Switzer, treasurer; Danielle McNeill, public relations; and Brandon Curtis, secretary.

Phi Theta Kappa is the only internationally acclaimed honor society serving two-year institutions that offer associate degree programs. RCC's Beta Theta Rho chapter was chartered in 1999.

Center and bottom left are the inductees who participated in the spring ceremony.





Message from the RCC Development Director

Welcome home!

It's been almost four years since I came back to RCC. Things have changed a lot since I graduated from the photography program in 1990. There are new buildings on campus, new faces, and many new programs.

However, one thing is just the same, and that's the incredible feeling of support from the faculty and staff all over campus. During my time as a student, I was very fortunate to be mentored by some of the best instructors in the business. Jerry Howell, Gib Jones, Bob Heist and Greg Stewart were always tough teachers, but I never questioned their genuine interest in making me the best I could be.

Now, as a member of the RCC staff, I see my co-workers sharing that same commitment and attitude with students every day. I feel privileged to be a part of such an exceptional group of people. That feeling is one of the reasons we are working so hard to bring the RCC family together.

Reconnecting with our alumni and our retirees has been a wonderful experience. It's great hearing from folks from all over the country and even a few different places in the world.

If you have not already joined our Alumni Association, I hope you will soon. There is no charge to be a member, and anyone who has an interest in RCC can join. The goal for the Association is to keep our alumni, retirees, and supporters informed of all the great things we have going on here at the College.

We also want to make sure you know you are always welcome home here at RCC.

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ABOVE: Larry Reid prepares the crowd.

TOP LEFT: Dancer Leslie Caviness poses for her photo taken by Juan Villa.

SECOND PHOTO LEFT: Les Caison struts across the stage as Larry calls out his name.

THIRD PHOTO LEFT: Jessica Coltrane shared tips on getting votes.

BOTTOM LEFT: JW Kelley was excited to hear his name called.



MEET THE STARS...

As people gathered at The Exchange on Sunday, Jan. 26, excitement and anticipation filled the air. Dancers for this year's Dancing with the Randolph Stars were getting their photos taken, getting a bite to eat, socializing, and wondering who was going to be their partner and dance instructor. Some dancers from last year gave helpful hints about fundraising and then came the pairing announcement.

As names were called out, some couples ran to the stage, some greeted their partner with a hug, and others did a little dance. The couples dancing this year: Linda Covington & John Pugh, Sherry Johnson & Cris Richardson, Kimberly Miller-McDowell & Mark Strider, Tracy Burnette & JW Kelley, Patty Banker & Todd Cutler, Kim Allgood & Jordi Roman, Julia Del Grande & Wayne Lahmeyer, Alexa Modderno & Les Caison, Sara Manring & Brad Phillips, Jenny Lynn Atkinson & Richard Schoenberger, Brandi Crumley-Runyan & Dave Craven, Sandra Childs & Steve Morgan, Micki Bare & Bill Walker, Leslie Caviness & Justin Parks, Carri Hampton & Dean Wolfe, Rebecca Moffitt & Will Rains, Jessica McGee & Toby Strider,

McCall Tanner & Daryl Hill. By the end of the event, everyone had been paired with a partner, a new friend.

The Randolph Community College Foundation is celebrating five years of Dancing with the Randolph Stars—the most successful fundraiser in RCC's history. During the previous four years, nearly \$500,000 has been raised, and more than 300 students have received scholarships from Dancing with the Randolph Stars proceeds. Although raising funds for student scholarships has been the primary focus of the event, it has also raised awareness of the College and the RCC Foundation. In addition to the main event, hundreds of people participate in the dancers' activities and contribute money for votes. Every \$10 donation is a vote for the couple. At the event, the couple who has raised the most money wins the coveted Dancing with the Randolph Stars trophies. Vickie Gallimore and Ann Hoover have co-chaired the event and led hundreds of volunteers and dancers over the entire five years of the event.



And Watch Them Shine.

Fast forward to May 31, and the Stars were shining at AVS Catering and Banquet Centre for the Randolph Community College Foundation's fifth annual Dancing with the Randolph Stars. Proceeds from the event fund scholarships for RCC students. This year's event raised a record-breaking \$200,006. Community leaders Ann Hoover and Vickie Gallimore, co-chairs of the event, announced the totals before a sold-out crowd after an evening filled with dances by the 18 competing couples.

Carri Hampton, owner and veterinarian, Blue Flint Animal Hospital, and Dean Wolfe, co-owner of Integrity Mortgage Group, received the most votes, winning the coveted Dancing with the Randolph Stars trophies. They performed a routine to "Uptown Girl" by Billy Joel.

This year's event also included additional winners. A decibal meter helped determine a People's Choice Award, won by Leslie Caviness and Justin Parks. The Dancers' Choice Award went to Alexa Modderno and Les Caison, who also picked up the Judges' Choice trophies. The Sponsors' Choice Award for Best Costume went to Linda Covington and John Pugh.

The money raised included a combination of \$10 votes for the dancers during the night of the event; pre-event voting received by the Foundation; sponsorships from various Randolph County businesses, industries and individuals; and

ticket sales. The amount raised through both sponsorships and pre-event voting exceeded the totals from previous years. A record number of people, 354, attended the event.

Lane Ragsdale served as director of the show for his fourth year. WKXR Radio personality Larry Reid served as emcee for the evening. The judges were J.B. Griffith III, financial planner with Liberty Advisors and a former DWRS dancer; Reynolds Lisk, president of Insurance Associates of the Triad; and LoriAnn Little Owen, co-owner of Ben Owen Pottery and also a former DWRS dancer. Vocalist Marlo Francis performed "Let It Go" from Frozen during intermission.

All of the dancers, judges, entertainer, and emcee volunteered their time to the event, as well as the large number of dedicated community volunteers who served on the Planning Committee. In addition to co-chairs Gallimore and Hoover, Dean Sexton served as the Sponsorship chairman. Gail McDowell and Cindy Schroder were Dancer Committee co-chairs. Other committee members were Pat Allred, Talmadge Baker, Gail Crawford, Jane Crisco, Claire Davis, Rhonda Eblin, Steve Eblin, Neal Griffin, J.B. Griffith III, Kathy Homiller, Bill Hoover, Lisa Huffman, Janet Jones, Cranford Knott, Elbert Lassiter, Curt Lorimer, Nicki McKenzie, Fred Meredith, Gail Moore, Rob Reese, Mac Sherrill, and Steve Williams.



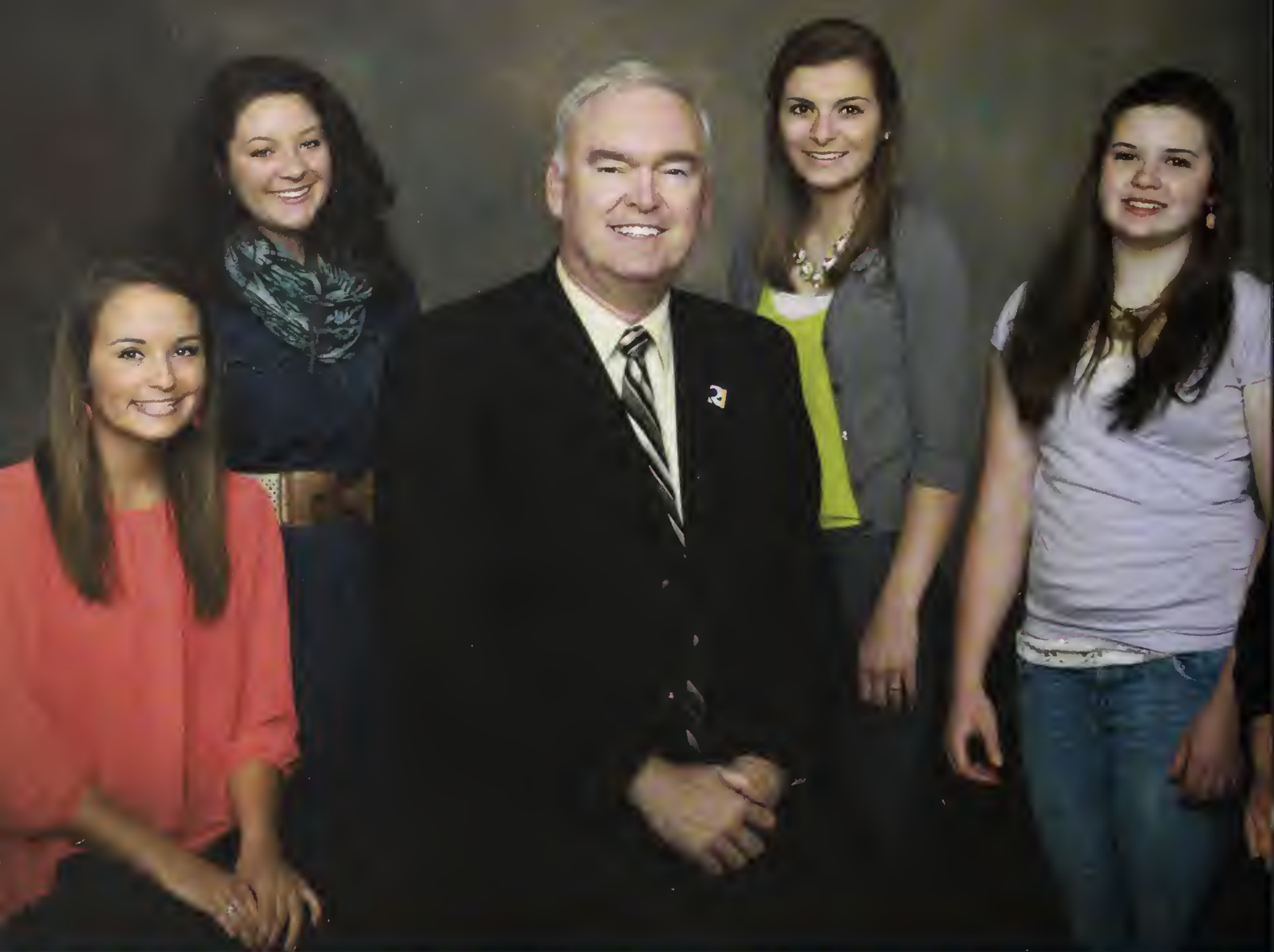
ABOVE: Every seat was taken for the 2014 Dancing with the Randolph Stars on May 31. The crowd enjoyed a delicious dinner before the show.

TOP RIGHT: John Pugh and Linda Covington danced to "Steppin' Out With My Baby."

SECOND PHOTO RIGHT: Dancers Les Caison and Alexa Modderno twist the night away.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Carri Hampton and Dean Wolfe took home the prestigious Dancing with the Randolph Stars trophies.





★ PRESIDENTIAL ★ ★ SCHOLAR ★ ★ PROGRAM ★

The third annual Presidential Scholars Day was held at RCC on March 27. This special event is held each year for selected applicants to the RCC Foundation's Presidential Scholars program.

While on campus, the students participate in a round robin interview process, take a campus tour, and visit an RCC class. From this process, a select number of students are invited back for a second interview with RCC President Robert S. Shackelford, who chooses the five finalists.

The five Presidential Scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship for their first year of study (\$1,250 for fall and \$1,250 for spring) that is renewable for their second year of study. The students also participate in RCC's prestigious Student

Leadership Academy, serve as Ambassadors for the College, and meet regularly with President Shackelford.

Chosen for the 2014-2015 school year were DeAnna Nicole Shumaker of Eastern Randolph High School, Emily Nichole Allred of Providence Grove High School, Christina Chanty Nutt of Faith Christian School, Taylor Addison Coble of Eastern Randolph High School, and Morgan Blair Brackett of Southwestern Randolph High School (pictured above, left to right).

Emily Allred of Franklinville, who is expected to enroll in the Radiography program at RCC, has been active in her high school BETA Club and HOSA Club. She is also involved in many activities with her church, Whites Memorial Baptist, including the church choir, music leader for Vacation Bible School, and the Adopt A Highway program.

Morgan Brackett (right) of Asheboro plans to earn her Associate in Arts (College Transfer) degree at RCC and transfer to N.C. State University to become a veterinarian. Her high school activities include being president of the HOSA Club



and senior representative of the BETA Club. Her community service activities include Horsepower Therapeutic Learning, the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, and Cross Road Retirement Community Alzheimer's Unit.

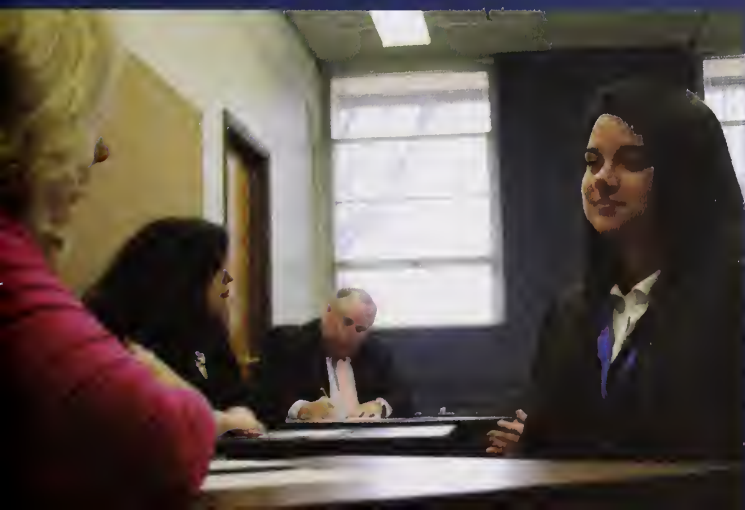
Taylor Coble of Staley plans to study in RCC's Associate in Arts (College Transfer) program and wants to double major in Spanish and Political Science before continuing to law school at the University of Virginia to study international law. In high

school, Coble has been a member of the Choral Ensemble, the FFA Public Speaking Program, and the Randolph County Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

Christina Nutt (above) of Asheboro, who will enroll in RCC's Associate in Science program this fall, has been active as a cross country runner, as well as being a singer for the Praise Team and acting in plays for the Speech/Drama Club. She served as president of the Student Government, is a member of the Honor Society, and has been involved in community service projects such as Special Olympics and Operation Christmas Child.

DeAnna Shumaker of Asheboro plans to enter the Associate Degree Nursing program at RCC. She has been an officer for the HOSA Club at Eastern Randolph High School and played varsity volleyball, serving as team captain. She has participated in community outreach activities such as bell ringing with the Salvation Army, Operation Red Sleigh, Give a Kid a Coat, and Relay for Life.

by Cathy Hefferin





Appreciating Retirees

By Cathy Hefferin

The Randolph Community College Foundation hosted a Retiree Appreciation Luncheon on March 21 in Azalea Park on the Asheboro Campus. Approximately 20 retirees, joined by several members of the RCC Board of Trustees and the RCC Foundation Board of Directors, attended the event, which is intended to become an annual affair and will especially recognize retirees from the previous year. Recognized this year were Susan Milner, former associate vice president for institutional advancement; Wanda Brown, former executive assistant to the president and the Board of Trustees; and Marie Miller, former administrative assistant in the President's Office, who all retired April 1, 2013.

TOP: Lorie McCroskey (right front), director of development for RCC, welcomes RCC retirees (from left) Jerry Simpson, former vice president for student services, and Phyllis Helms, former vice president for instructional services. RCC President Robert S. Shackleford is seen in the background.

CENTER RIGHT: From left, Nancy Hinshaw, Frances Moffitt, Mildred Sawyer, and Dorothy Snyder.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Three retirees were honored at the luncheon: Wanda Brown (left), Marie Miller (right), and Susan Milner (not pictured).



Sheri Millikan

A L U M N I N E W S

Capping a Successful Nursing Career

Sheri Millikan is content. A registered nurse who has worked at Randolph Hospital for 28 years, Millikan was recently promoted to program director for the Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Department. "I have really enjoyed working here," said Millikan. She manages the hospital's state-certified outpatient rehab unit for cardiac and pulmonary patients, overseeing five employees. The unit sees between 60-70 patients daily.

Millikan first attended Randolph Community College in the Licensed Practical Nursing program from 1981-1983. After she started working at Randolph Hospital, she recognized the advantages of becoming an RN and came back to RCC to graduate from the Associate Degree Nursing program in 1991. She worked in the intensive care unit at Randolph Hospital for many years, moving to Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab in 1996.

"I felt very well prepared as far as both (RCC) programs go," said Millikan of her education at RCC. She said when she took her RN exam, there were only two questions that she wasn't absolutely sure of the answers. "The (RCC) professors are very personable," continued Millikan. "Lynn Tesh was the biggest role model for me when I was there."

Millikan said her original plan was to work on her bachelor's degree after her children graduated from high school, with a long-term goal to one day teach at RCC, but her priorities changed. "I enjoyed what I was doing. I didn't want any more responsibility. I love the hours. I'm content with life right now," she said.

That contentment surely shows in her work, because in addition to her promotion, Millikan was recently nominated for the Mia Curry RN of the Year award from Randolph Hospital for the second year in a row. She is a member of the North Carolina Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Association and the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Association.

In her personal life, Millikan attends Cross Road Baptist Church. She and her husband, Tim, will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary this year. They have three children, Brook, 31, Jake, 23 (who works in the same department at Randolph Hospital), and Olivia, 20.

Millikan has one grandson, Adrian, and she loves keeping score for his Little League baseball team.





Reinventing a Life After a Layoff

By Cathy Hefferin

A tall, imposing figure, Marshall Self has the physical presence of someone you would typically picture in a law enforcement role. But the 1987 graduate of Trinity High School had worked in manufacturing for years after getting married young and starting a family. He spent 17 years working for a steel manufacturer in Greensboro before moving to Dell Computers in Winston-Salem, where he was an operations manager before the company closed the plant and moved production to Mexico.

He was able to come back to school with funding from the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance program and enrolled at RCC. "I actually wanted to do an HR-type role, but they wouldn't fund that," he said. "Criminal Justice was always a secret passion of mine, and I could incorporate HR type things. My main goal was finding something where I could help people."

Self said he was researching schools on the Internet and found information about Neil Weatherly, RCC's department head for Criminal Justice. "I came to campus and Neil found the time to meet with me," he said. "We sat at a picnic table down at the VT building and probably talked an hour. I knew at that point, this is where I wanted to be."

But it still wasn't easy. "It was scary because I was afraid of the math...it has always been my nemesis," said Self. He said he finally put his fears aside and came to campus and took the placement assessment. He did place into developmental math, but got through it with the help of RCC's instructors. "I have met a lot of older people who feel the same way. I tell them to just get some help...talk to your teachers...I have encouraged them."

Self not only overcame his math nemesis, he became a member of RCC's Phi Theta Kappa honor society, completed his Criminal Justice degree requirements, and received the Academic Award and Curriculum Award for Criminal Justice last April.

He was recently hired by the Randolph County Juvenile Day Reporting Center as a case manager, where he will be helping teenagers who are on court-ordered probation turn their lives around.

Self said he would encourage other people to enroll in classes at RCC. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Get in here and be serious about your studies. There are people here who want to help you succeed. There were a lot of RCC staff and faculty who have been put in my path and have helped me to stay focused."

RCC Degree Gives Dixon Global Reach

By Cathy Hefferin

When he was a student in the Information Systems program at Randolph Community College, Matt Dixon had no idea how far his experience at RCC might take him. It has taken him around the world—virtually. “An information technology degree permits you to work for anyone, anywhere,” he said. “It knocks the walls down.”

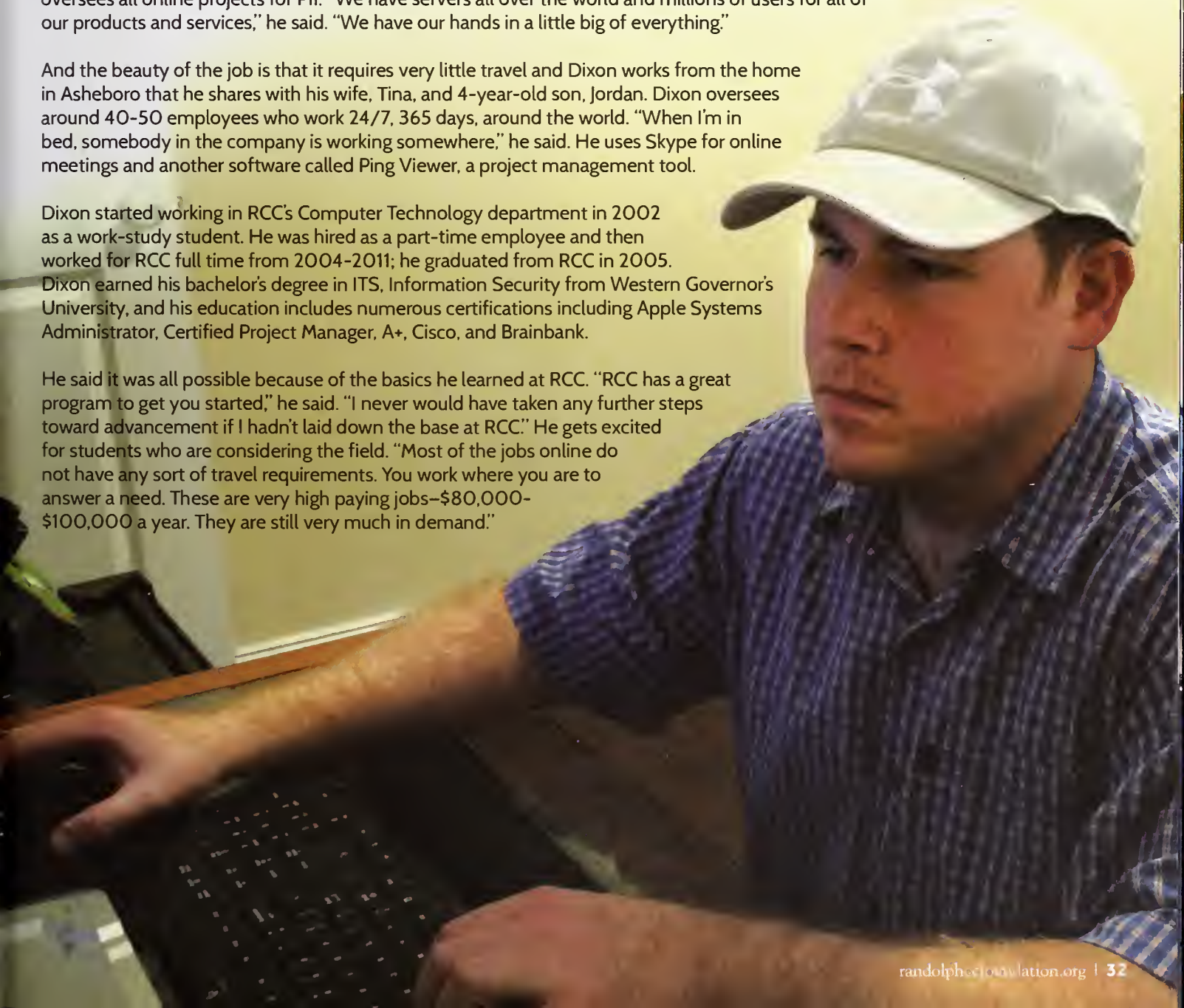
Dixon is chief Internet marketing officer for Paul Internet International (PII), a privately held global technology provider and media conglomerate based in Homburg, Germany. He also describes himself as a “serial entrepreneur.” One piece of software that he developed several years ago, a streaming video application called MacTVision, was featured in Macworld magazine and became very successful. “It got bigger than I anticipated,” said Dixon. “I turned a hobby into something people found that they needed,” he continued. “It was just something I was tinkering with, and it grew very fast.”

He eventually sold MacTVision to PII and then the company made Dixon a job offer that he “just couldn’t turn down.” Dixon now oversees all online projects for PII. “We have servers all over the world and millions of users for all of our products and services,” he said. “We have our hands in a little bit of everything.”

And the beauty of the job is that it requires very little travel and Dixon works from the home in Asheboro that he shares with his wife, Tina, and 4-year-old son, Jordan. Dixon oversees around 40-50 employees who work 24/7, 365 days, around the world. “When I’m in bed, somebody in the company is working somewhere,” he said. He uses Skype for online meetings and another software called Ping Viewer, a project management tool.

Dixon started working in RCC’s Computer Technology department in 2002 as a work-study student. He was hired as a part-time employee and then worked for RCC full time from 2004-2011; he graduated from RCC in 2005. Dixon earned his bachelor’s degree in ITS, Information Security from Western Governor’s University, and his education includes numerous certifications including Apple Systems Administrator, Certified Project Manager, A+, Cisco, and Brainbank.

He said it was all possible because of the basics he learned at RCC. “RCC has a great program to get you started,” he said. “I never would have taken any further steps toward advancement if I hadn’t laid down the base at RCC.” He gets excited for students who are considering the field. “Most of the jobs online do not have any sort of travel requirements. You work where you are to answer a need. These are very high paying jobs—\$80,000-\$100,000 a year. They are still very much in demand.”



Oldhams Make Community

by Cathy Hefferin

Dahlia Oldham's belief in the value of education began while she was growing up in the Philippines. Her family had strict rules as far as schooling—she and her five siblings (2 sisters and 3 brothers) were not allowed to date until they finished their college degrees.

Oldham earned a bachelor's degree in home economics in the Philippines and brought that love of education with her to the United States when she married William Oldham. Although Oldham had planned on earning her master's degree, she put that on hold and became a full-time wife and mother to three boys: Daniel (called D.J.), now 24, Carl 21, and Josh, 20 (pictured left to right with their mother).

"My thing has always been education," she said, noting that her husband went to work in the family business as soon he graduated high school. "D.J. was the first Oldham to get a college degree," she said proudly. "I want my boys to at least get their master's degree. That's Mama's rule."

Knowing that their mother had put aside her own educational goals to raise them, Dahlia's boys encouraged her to go back to school. But there was a roadblock. Unable to get her high school transcript from the Philippines, she was told she had to pass the high school equivalency exam before enrolling in college classes in the U.S. Dahlia enrolled at Randolph Community College, earned her GED, then earned an Associate in Arts degree from RCC in 2012. She is now enrolled at RCC once again in Anatomy & Physiology classes and is thinking about nursing school.

Sold on the value of community colleges, Dahlia encouraged her boys to take that route after graduating from Faith Christian School. D.J. chose civil engineering, so he earned an associate degree from Guilford Technical Community College, then his bachelor's degree from North Carolina A & T State University. He is currently in graduate school at A & T.

Both Carl and Josh graduated from RCC in May with Associate in Arts degrees. Carl will continue at RCC in the Associate Degree Nursing program, while Josh has already been accepted to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he will study business and pre-law.

Carl is considering the University Center of Randolph County's RN to BSN program with Winston-Salem State University, then some kind of advanced nursing degree and possibly even medical school. Josh, who works part time in a local bank, is looking toward a future in banking.

"My community college experience has been positive and uplifting, but challenging," said Carl. Josh agreed, noting, "If you are not 100 percent sure what you want to do, it is a good spot to find out."

Mama Oldham goes one step further. "Getting the GED at RCC changed my life. Before, I was just observing life."



College a Family Affair



The Community College Advantage

Even though D.J. Oldham did not attend RCC (we'll overlook that he got his start at GTCC), he epitomizes what can be accomplished with a community college start. While conducting research for his graduate degree at North Carolina A & T State University, he is making quite a name for himself with his entrepreneurial spirit. In A & T's Sustainable Infrastructure Materials Lab, Oldham has been studying how to use hog manure combined with other recycled products (like shredded automobile tires and asphalt shingles) to make road asphalt. He and his colleagues have formed Bio-Adhesive

Alliance, which has plans to test the asphalt products with the Department of Transportation in North Carolina and Massachusetts.

"The product will help in three ways," said D.J. "It is probably 70 percent cheaper to produce than crude oil-based asphalt, we will be using recycled materials that would otherwise end up in the landfill (tires and shingles), and it is helping the performance of the roads."

The project has been featured on the website of the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy and has won several academic competitions, providing more research money for the university. In addition, the National Science Foundation just offered D.J. a 2014 Graduate Research Fellowship for his work at A & T.

Karla Webb | Director of the Bienenstock Furniture Library High Point, NC

By Lorie McCroskey

If home is where the heart is, then Karla Webb has two homes—Randolph Community College and the Bienenstock Furniture Library. A 1987 Interior Design graduate of RCC, Webb is the director of the furniture library in High Point, NC. After spending more than twenty years as the owner of her own residential design business, Webb decided to take the library director's position housed in the center of the "Furniture Capital of the World."

"The time was just right to try for the job," Webb said, now three years into the position.

"When I was in school at RCC, I worked for the library selling furniture-related books during furniture market," Webb said. "I always kept in touch with the people from the library. I would fill in on vacations or work during furniture market."

Webb's position as library director gives her two great opportunities to help interior design students. The first comes through the Bienenstock Library's annual scholarship competition for design students. The competition is open to students in 200 interior and furniture design programs across the nation that offer an associate-, bachelor's-, or master's-level design programs. This year's design winner was Adriann Welch, a second-year student in the RCC Interior Design Program.

"Mr. Bienenstock had a passion for students," Webb said. "He wanted to invest in the industry by financially supporting students."

The second opportunity to help students comes from Webb's position on the RCC Advisory Board. For her, it is the perfect way to assure that the RCC program will continue to be as good as, and in many cases better than, other programs.

"Students in RCC's program get a strong sense of every aspect of design," Webb said. It is so concentrated; a lot is packed in those two years. It's important to make sure the students are keeping up with the industry. It's not just paint and furniture. We make sure the students learn the entire business of interior design."

"When you are a designer, you have to be able to present yourself and your product well," Webb said. "Students at RCC are prepared for that first sit-down meeting with a client."



Donna Small

Donna Small is a Global Logistics student with President's List status. When the Asheboro Wire Plant closed last year, it opened the door for her to go back to school. Choosing Global Logistics was an easy decision for Donna. "For over 17 of my 29 years at the Asheboro Wire Plant, I worked in shipping and receiving," she said. The various duties were not only interesting, but exciting for Small. She enjoyed the interaction with the different departments, customers, and freight carriers.

Small is pursuing the A.A.S. degree, but she has already completed her Certificate and will complete the Diploma this summer. Her desire is to retain a position with a company in logistics and negotiate shipping prices and scheduling. "These were two of the most challenging and enjoyable responsibilities that I have already had experience in," said Small.

"I chose RCC because of the location. It is the nearest school to home that offers Global Logistics. Less travel time is very important to me. It allows more time to dedicate to studying and maintaining my responsibilities at home," she said.

Students Excel in Archdale

Garland Currin

Before enrolling at RCC, Garland Currin worked in the furniture industry making case goods furniture. Currin said he has had a lifelong interest in welding and has been welding since he was a kid, helping his dad out with miscellaneous jobs in their garage. "I enjoyed the process and wanted a way to improve my skills and earn a formal credential," he said.

Garland has already completed the requirements for a Welding Technology certificate, and he will finish his diploma this summer. A work/study student, he has essentially served as the instructor's assistant this past year, according to Welding Department Head David Holcomb, keeping the shop clean and orderly which is key for safety, helping to prepare the metal and other supplies before classes begin, etc.

"Garland will have a promising career in the welding field, due to his overall ability and great work ethic," said Holcomb. "He is fully capable of becoming a Welding department head himself someday if he chooses a career in the education of welders."

Faculty Alums

By Cathy Hefferin

Out of the 215 full-time faculty and staff members this spring at RCC, 64 are graduates of one of RCC's programs. Three of those alumni are featured here.

James Donald "Don" Ashley (bottom center) earned an A.A.S. in Automotive Systems Technology from RCC in 1999. He completed a cooperative education experience at Wayne Thomas Chevrolet while he was in school, then continued to work part time for the dealership while he finished his degree. After working there for just over five years, Ashley expanded his experience by working as a tool training representative. He joined RCC as an instructor in 2004 and is currently department head for Automotive Systems Technology.

Although Ashley admits he first chose RCC because it was close to home, he was quickly sold on the quality of the instruction. "I always had an interest in cars, but I didn't grow up learning a lot about mechanics. The program was phenomenal," he said.

Ashley actually decided he wanted to teach while still studying at RCC. "That was my plan," he said. "I told my instructor, 'I want to do this.'" Ashley feels he is where is supposed to be. "I love the complex issues," he said, "like the computers and electronics. I love working on the hybrid cars."

Danny R. Moore (bottom right), department head for Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology, said he grew up in the Jugtown/Westmoore area. His dad owned an automotive shop and his uncle had a body shop. Moore served in the Army for six years, then entered the auto body repair program at Montgomery Community College. He had a chance to

purchase an auto body shop and needed the degree to get a small business loan. He owned Greystone Auto Body in Hickory for about five years, while also working as a knitting manager, and cattle farming.

Moore moved back to this area in 1992 and started teaching part time for RCC in 1997. "I said, I'll do it for one semester and see how it goes," he said. "I just fell in love with watching the students go from knowing nothing to 'I've got it.'" he said. "That's why I do this." Moore became a full-time instructor in 2000 and earned his Associate in General Education from RCC in 2010.

Willie T. "WT" Brewer (bottom left), who grew up just south of Seagrove, earned his Autobody Repair diploma from RCC in 2007 and his Associate in General Education degree from RCC in 2008. Brewer had worked in textiles for 26 years when the company he worked for went out of business because of foreign trade. He had a body shop at home that he worked in the evenings doing repairs for family and friends. He was able to return to school with Trade Adjustment Assistance funds, and he decided to stick with something he already knew.

Brewer started teaching part time at RCC in 2007 and worked as a body repair technician for Asheboro Body Shop. He served as chair of RCC's Autobody Repair Advisory Committee before becoming a full-time RCC instructor in 2010. "I sort of got hooked (on teaching) when I was an adjunct," said Brewer. He says he likes being able to pass something on. "A guy I used to work for in textiles said, 'Everybody owes a little bit back.' This is my opportunity."

EDUCATION CENTER





Kristin (Kris) Scheurer O'Driscoll, New Zealand
Kris O'Driscoll graduated from RCC in 1999 with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Photographic Technology, with a concentration in Photojournalism. "I chose RCC because I knew I was going to have a camera in my hand on day one! I was accepted elsewhere as well but realized that during the four-year degree, I would be doing a lot of theory the first two years and wouldn't really touch a camera until year three. Also didn't hurt that it was close to home," said O'Driscoll.

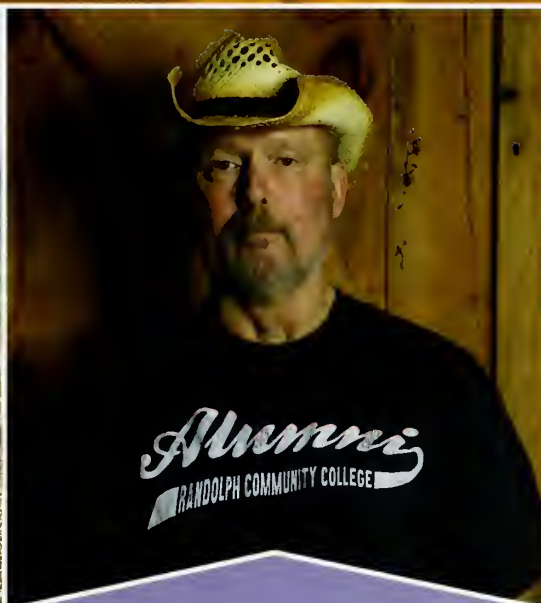
She worked at the High Point Enterprise as staff photographer and Graphics assistant from 1998 to 2000. She moved to New Zealand in 2001.

O'Driscoll attended Waiariki Institute of Technology from 2005-2012 and received her diploma in Marketing. She currently works as Account Manager - Marketing for the Waiariki Institute of Technology. She is married to Shane O'Driscoll and has one daughter, Sara.

Randolph Community College Alumni are turning up everywhere.



George Abatzis, Greece
George Abatzis resides in Athens with his two daughters. Currently, he works as a managing director for Rainmaker, a pharmaceutical company. He graduated with a degree in Commercial Graphics in 1994. He has 20 years experience in pharmaceutical advertising and marketing.



Samual E. Burns, Tennessee
Samuel Burns graduated from Randolph Technical Institute in 1971 with an AAS degree in Photography. Currently he is a freelance photographer living in Chattanooga, TN.



Tyler Ross, Kansas
Tyler Ross graduated with an AAS degree from Commercial Photography. He is the owner of Fovea Photo and does commercial, portrait, fine-art and travel photography in South Central Kansas.

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