



Welcome Back!

The Fall Semester is Up and Running

Joanne Jaeger Tomblin, President

The fall semester rolled around so fast, it did not seem like we had a summer. I want to thank all of you who helped with the registration process. It was hectic, but we are now reaping the fruits of our labor. It appears at first glance that we will have a slight enrollment increase. I want to thank all of you for your diligence and patience in making this effort successful. As I have stated on many occasions, our enrollment is critical to what we will be able to accomplish in the future, and now with an emphasis on adult recruitment at the state level, we will continue to be under

pressure to increase our adult student population.

We spent many weeks during the summer interviewing for the Dean of Enrollment Services and Registrar and Dean of Student Development and Special Services, and we believe that we have two very qualified individuals for these positions. Now that both Deans have arrived, we can truly begin a very detailed process in developing a Recruitment and Retention Plan for the entire institution with specific goals. The new Deans have a huge job ahead of them, and will be asking many of you to assist

them as they develop their plans for the Enrollment Management area.

The summer was a very busy time particularly for those on the Logan Campus. Most days were filled with moving individuals and offices from building to building. If you are not aware, the Board of Governors approved the sale of the Logan Downtown Annex to the Logan County Commission. In addition to moving the Logan Campus offices, employees located at the Annex were moved to the Logan Campus or Job Services

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Gear-Up Grant

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) has been awarded a six-year 18-million dollar Gear-Up grant from the United States Department of Education. The Gear-Up grant will provide financial means to promote student achievement and enhance awareness of the

need to expand access to postsecondary education in the state. Several counties in our service district have been identified as focal areas in the grant application process. Through this grant, the HEPC will provide Southern with an Outreach Counselor, who will be housed at the College to provide ser-

vices to students in Boone, Lincoln, and Mingo counties. The Gear-Up program will provide for the creation of an early intervention program for high poverty middle school students, enhanced academic assessments, and an outreach campaign that will articulate the importance of postsecondary access.

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Pictured l-r: Pauline Sturgill, ALA Director; Charlotte Curry, COTIGA Development; Dee Williams, Kevin Whitt, Shannon Carbello, and Rita White, ALA Fellows; President Tomblin; and Dee Kapourales, ALA Board Member.

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office in downtown Logan. We still have some remaining equipment and files at the Annex which will be moved to other locations in the coming weeks. As the moving process continues, I would ask each of you to be patient. We have a very small crew doing the work and it has been time consuming and tedious. I want to personally thank Randy Skeens, Eugene Maynard, and Delbert Queen. The amount of labor they exerted was amazing. I also want to thank Roger Watson and Scott Pritchard who assisted in a variety of ways during the moving process. These individuals literally carried a load without a complaint, and all of you are to be commended!

At the annual Administrative Retreat this summer, our discussions for the most part dealt with change, and how important it is going to be to seek change in order to move this institution forward. Our website is going to become extremely important to us as employees, as well as our students. Just as we learned to use our email, now it

is going to be equally important to use our web site for information. Our unit / department web page administrators are going to have to keep information up-to-date and posted on our web site and intranet. More information will be forthcoming in the near future from your administrative unit heads as well as information regarding training for web administrators.

On September 12, 2008, we will hold our first "All Governance Day." This will be different from the traditional All College Day event that we have hosted for years. "All Governance Days" will be held on four Fridays during the academic year, providing opportunity for all employees to participate in college governance. For the week of September 8, 2008, employees will work a five-day work week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in order for persons to participate on Friday. The "All Governance Day" will also be a time when I can update employees on issues and events pertaining to the College.

In the very near future, "Net Cafes" will be opening at the Logan and Wil-

liamson Campus libraries. Students and visitors will be able to purchase a cup of coffee and relax in designated areas, read a book, or take advantage of the wireless network on their laptops.

I want to commend the Business and Nursing Departments who are working with our television personnel in developing short, informational programs for our television channel. This is a great way to promote our faculty and their expertise.

On one last note ... I remind everyone that my office is always open. Please come by and visit or schedule an appointment anytime during the year. I plan to visit each of our campuses and sites more often during this semester. I may visit you in your office or visit our students and the faculty in their classrooms. If there is a day that faculty will be doing something special in the classroom, I would be glad to stop by. You may schedule those dates with Emma Baisden.

Have a wonderful semester!!!!

Wyoming/McDowell Campus Hosts Press Conference

On August 26, 2008, details of a new scholarship was announced during a press conference at the Wyoming/McDowell Campus. Cleveland - Cliffs, Inc., a prestigious mining operation in southern West Virginia, has contributed \$10,000 to Southern's Foundation to begin a new scholarship program. The scholarship will enable four students from Wyoming and McDowell counties to enroll in Southern's Mine Management, Associate degree program. It is hoped that this partnership will have a positive impact on the min-



Pictured l-r: Delegate Richard Browning; Allyn Barker, VP for Economic, Workforce, and Community Development; President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin; Carl Baisden, Director for Mine Training and Energy Technologies; Jim Kosowski, Cleveland-Cliffs District Manager—Public Affairs; and David Lord, Director of Wyoming/McDowell Campus Operations

ing industry, by providing an incentive for young people in the Wyoming/McDowell County area to be educated locally and fill the worker shortage in the coal industry. I am very excited about this partnership which again indicates the type of support we receive from our local communities, and the quality of education our students are receiving.

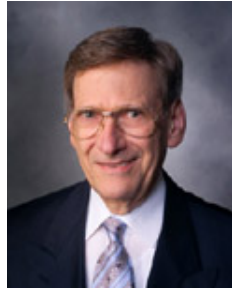
Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors



*Kevin N. Fowler
Chair*



*Terry R. Sammons
Vice Chair*



*George Kostas
Secretary*

Southern's Board of Governors will hold its next business meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 428 at the Center for Allied Health and Technology.

Officers of the Board for the 2008-2009 year are Mr. Kevin Fowler, CEO of Logan Regional Medical Center serving as Chair; Mr. Terry Sammons, Attorney, Sammons Law Office,

serving as Vice Chair; and Reverend George Kostas serving as Secretary. Board agendas and information are posted on Southern's website.

The Board of Governors will welcome three new members at its September 9 meeting who were recently appointed to the Board by Governor Joe Manchin. They are

- Mr. Thomas Heywood of Charleston who succeeds Mr. James Sheatsley,
- Ms. Jada C. Hunter of Williamson who succeeds Dr. David Pierce, and
- Mr. Glenn Yost of Chapmanville returns for his first four-year term after fulfilling the unexpired term of Mr. Rory Perry.

Mr. Robert Jude of Canada, Kentucky, succeeds Elston Johnson as the Student Representative to the Board of Governors.

Southern Receives Visit from the West Virginia State Board of Education

On August 6, 2008, Southern welcomed First Lady Gayle Manchin, member of the West Virginia State Board of Education, Dr. Steven Paine, State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Stanley Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent of Technical and Adult Education Services, and Mr. David Roach, Superintendent of Lincoln County Schools. These individuals received a tour of the Logan Campus as well as a hands-on demonstration of the Rock Truck Simulation at the Academy for Mine Training and Energy Technologies. The group met with Southern's administrative team, who provided them with information on our programs, services, and innovations. The group was very impressed with everything they viewed and learned. I want to thank Randy Skeens, Merle Dempsey, Sam Litteral, Katie Smith-Cox, Allyn Sue Barker, Carl Baisden, Ron Hamilton, Cindy Crigger,

Pam Alderman, Cindy McCoy, and Emma Baisden for their participation in this important event. Each person did an excellent job expressing what their units are accomplishing.



Pictured l-r: Dr. Steven Paine, President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin, First Lady Gayle Manchin, Mr. David Roach, and Dr. Stanley Hopkins

Williamson Campus Facility

Preliminary work has started at the state level for the construction of technical facilities for community and technical colleges across the state. Our plan is to place Southern's facility at the Williamson Campus.

Our Academic and Workforce Units have begun some preliminary work on accessing what types of programs might be offered, and have been meeting with business and industry officials. Within the next several months I anticipate that we will learn more regarding the specifics of this process and the funding for Southern's facility.

Community Appreciation Day

In conjunction with the annual King Coal Festival, Southern will host its annual **Community Appreciation Day** at the Williamson Campus on Sunday, September 14, 2008, beginning at 1:00 p.m. This is a traditional event held at the campus each year to thank the community for its support of the College. The community will be able to enjoy gospel music while enjoying pinto beans, fried potatoes, sauerkraut, cornbread and desserts. Come early and register for door prizes and stay to listen to some wonderful music.

Cleaner Schools Equal Smarter Students

From time to time there are interesting articles in the *Community College Journal* that I believe would be interesting to all employees. The following article is one that I thought I would share and is taken from the August/September 2008 issue:

"Cleaner college campuses are linked to higher levels of student achievement, says a new survey of American college students from APPA, the Virginia-based organization for education facilities professionals.

The report, "Cleanliness and Learning in Higher Education," focuses on APPA's five levels of "clean," as identified in its *Custodial Staffing Guidelines for Educational Facilities*. The designations, from cleanest to dirtiest, include orderly spotlessness, ordinary tidiness, casual inattention, moderate dinginess, and unkempt neglect.

More than 1,400 students responded to the survey. Of those, 88 percent said dirty facilities are an impediment to learning, especially when facilities approach levels of casual inattention and dinginess. APPA says such forms of neglect often can be identified by a range of visual clues, from dirty floors, to matted carpet, to faulty light fixtures, to full waste baskets.

Students said they preferred to learn in clean buildings and expressed a desire to be involved in helping to maintain campus facilities.

"This study presents new knowledge to help support educational facilities professionals in providing learning

spaces to students that will enhance academic achievement and protect their overall health," said researcher Jeffery Campbell, chair of the Facilities Management Program at Brigham Young University and a collaborator on the project.

One reason for keeping buildings clean is student health. The survey found that buildings that were not properly cleaned and maintained also contributed to the spread of germs, which kept some students from attending classes. Dust buildup was also cited as a potential problem, as was poor waste disposal, which some students blamed for contributing to on-campus rodent and insect infestations.

For a copy of the full report, go to the APPA Web site at: www.appa.org."

Technology Assessment

As most of you realize, I have been reviewing the organizational structure of each of the College's Units during the last several years. This has resulted in change which I believe is beneficial to our future. We have to continually change to meet the needs of not only our students and the district we serve, but also our needs internally. We have successfully completed an academic reorganization and student services reorganization. This year we will be reviewing our Technology Unit and its organization. The technology area presents many challenges to us as an institution, so I believe it important to bring in experts who can assist us in this effort. We are very fortunate that the Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation has agreed to finance a consultant or

team of consultants to visit the College, and provide an independent assessment of technology across the college. We expect the consultants to provide us with an independent third party evaluation of our educational and technology needs, an analysis of our computing and information-technologies, and recommendations as to how we can close gaps between where we are and where we need to be. We also anticipate that the consultants will recommend an organizational structure conducive to our specific needs. Many of you outside of the Technology Unit will be involved in the process as well as those within the Technology Unit. We are currently interviewing prospective consultants, and I will let you know the exact dates the assessment will take place.

Chancellor's Leadership Institute

Mr. David Lord, Director of Campus Operations for the Wyoming/McDowell Campus, and Ms. Pauline Sturgill, Director of APPALREAD and Community Development, have been selected and will participate in the first session of the Chancellor's Leadership Institute sponsored by the West Virginia Community and Technical College System beginning October 8, 2008.

This two-semester leadership development program is designed to strengthen management and

leadership skills. Through interaction with state and national leaders, participants will gain expertise and discuss issues and challenges facing current community college leadership.

Congratulations are also in order for Pauline Sturgill, who was awarded a fellowship to participate in the fall 2008 class of the Diversity Leadership Academy which extends through December 4, 2008.

Agreements Signed with Marshall and Kaplan Universities

Southern has renewed its agreement with Marshall University to continue ongoing bachelor, graduate, and other programs for students in this region. In addition, the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia recently completed an articulation agreement with Kaplan University. This agreement established procedures and guidelines for students to transfer to a Kaplan University degree program following the completion of an associate degree

at Southern and the other community and technical colleges in West Virginia.

Welcome New Employees



Prudence Barker
Dean, Enrollment Services
and Registrar
District Office



Stephen Birurakis
Survey Technology Instructor
Boone Campus



Clarkson 'Pete' Browning
Sr. Instructor, Mine Training
and Energy Technologies
District Office



Karen Evans
Nursing Instructor
Boone Campus



Michele L. Godby
Administrative Secretary,
Nursing
Kanawha Valley Site



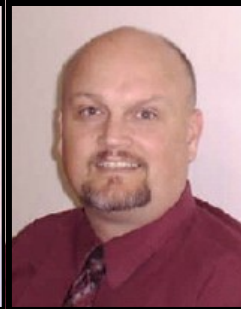
Meloney McRoberts
Surgical Technology
Instructor
Logan Campus



William Mosley
Electrical Engineering
Instructor
Logan Campus



Mary Nemeth-Pyles
Assistant Professor
Nursing
Logan Campus



Darrell Taylor
Dean, Student Development
and Special Services
District Office



John R. Vance
Campus Service Worker
Logan Campus

Recent Events

Southern Foundation scholarship recipients pictured with Southern officials at the Logan County Coal Vendors Golf Outing on August 29, 2008. The Coal Vendors Association raises funds annually for scholarships during its annual golf tournament held at the Logan Country Club.



CEDAR of Southern West Virginia representatives present Southern officials with a \$10,000 check for student scholarships.





Southern featured in *CraftNet Sketches*

CraftNet is an international network of community colleges devising innovative ways through partnerships to develop artisan-based strengths into a sustainable growth sector for each of their service areas. Projects at each college integrate various aspects of design, production, technology, marketing, collaboration, and business management skills, and include ways to attract low-income and non-traditional learners. The following article about Southern was featured in its June 2008 issue of *CraftNet Sketches*.



"Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College is displaying Mountain Artisans' work on each of its campuses. This collection, which includes one-of-a-kind quilts, wall hangings, paintings, wreaths, prints, pottery and wood, is one of the finest collections

of West Virginia artisans' works anywhere. The unique partnership between Southern and the Mountain Artisans began six years ago when the College's president, **Joanne Jaeger Tomblin**, decided that each campus needed something to provide students with an environment conducive to learning and to welcome visitors when they entered a campus building.

"This project is a way of preserving West Virginia heritage by allowing the public to see the craftsmanship in these works of art. You can't teach this in a textbook. They can actually see it," Mountain Artisans president **Rebecca Stelling** said. "These unique pieces represent quality, technique, and heritage." Stelling begins each campus project by choosing a color palette, selecting a large quilt as a focal point, and coordinating other pieces around it. Paintings and smaller wall hangings are often used to blend color. Many of the quilts are purchased from West Virginia's own Cabin Creek Quilters as well as from other independent artists and quilt makers throughout the state. Mountain Artisans was founded in 1966 by Sharon Percy Rockefeller as a nonprofit quilting cooperative, dissolved in 1978, and rejuvenated by Stelling in 2001."

Upcoming Events

- September 9 Board of Governors Meeting, Room 428, Center for Allied Health and Technology, 6:00 PM
- September 12 All Governance Day, Logan Campus, 8:00 - 4:30 PM
- September 14 Community Appreciation Day, Williamson Campus, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

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