



# President's Newsletter



Joanne Jaeger Tomblin, President

## Happy Holidays



Everyone has certainly worked hard this semester, so please relax, rest and enjoy your time off during the holidays. All of you deserve the break. The semester has certainly flown by and in the blink of an eye; we will be having our 2007 commencement. I wish each of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year.

This will be the last issue of my newsletter until the first week of February. I remind each of you to send me any questions you may have regarding the College, so that I can respond. Remember, the question you have may be the very question someone else wants to have answered.

I wanted to extend very best wishes to Dr. Tom Nuckols, Director of the Wyoming/McDowell Campus, who is retiring this month. We appreciate the leadership that Tom has brought to that campus as well as the College. Throughout his tenure here, he has accomplished much and made many strides at the Wyoming /McDowell Campus. Although he is retiring, he will remain active as member of the Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation, where he will assist us in our ongoing "Vision 2020 Major Gifts Campaign".

Construction on the Allied Health and Technology Center is on schedule.

The facility will soon be enclosed so that construction workers can work comfortably on the inside during the winter months.

We have already mentioned this several times, but please be mindful of your personal belongings during the holiday season. Theft is more prevalent during this season. Security cameras are helpful, but not perfect.

As a reminder, the College will close at 4:30 p.m. on December 22, 2006 and reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. Our *All College Day* festivities will get underway beginning at 8:30 a.m. on January 8, 2007 at the Logan Campus.

### Celebration of Excellence

November 29, 2006 was a historical day for Southern. A press conference was held at the Logan Campus to announce a 100 percent passage on national

licensure examinations for all associate degree allied health programs. This is something that colleges and universities in West Virginia cannot and do not

match. I applaud the administration, faculty, and staff for all our allied health programs, but also thank our faculty who teach general

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## Celebration of Excellence

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education courses. Without a good foundation, these students cannot reach this success. This was a great day for Southern which was covered well by the news media. It was a proud moment we all can share.



## Highlights from the November Board of Governors Meeting

The Southern West Virginia Community and Technical Board of Governors held its November Board meeting at the new Lincoln County High School in Hamlin, West Virginia. They were treated to dinner and a tour of the facility, including Southern's wing.

The Board voted to request a 4.75% tuition increase for the fall 2007 academic year. This is the maximum amount that can be requested by a

community college. The impact of this increase equates to a three-dollar increase per credit hour for resident students. Nonresident students are required to pay the full cost of tuition. The Board did not recommend any fee increases at this time. It is anticipated that the Board's recommendation will be taken up by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education sometime in the spring

following the 2007 legislative session.

In other action, the Board approved seven policies and rescinded one, and four new policies were sent out for a 30-day public comment period. Information regarding these policies has already been sent to all employees via email. Employees can also review the information on our website via the Board of Governors web page.



*Lincoln County High School, Hamlin, WV*

## Help is Here Express

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Southern will host the Partnership for Prescription Assistance *"Help Is Here Express"* bus tour at the Williamson Campus on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The bus, provided by the Pharma-

ceutical Research and Manufacturers of America or PhRMA, travels throughout the nation assisting individuals search for programs that may be able to provide free or reduced-cost prescription

drugs. According to statistics compiled by the PhRMA, a quarter of a million West Virginians are without health insurance or prescription drug coverage.

## Grant Funds Received for New Programs

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We received official notification from the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education of funding to initiate two new programs. The new Survey Technician and Cosmetology programs will enroll students for the fall 2007 semester.

We will lease a site in downtown Madison to accommodate the needs of the new Cosmetology Program. The Survey Technician Program will be housed in the new Allied Health and Technology facility under the Division of Engineering and Technology.

## Williamson Campus Task Force

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I have received very few comments regarding the recommendations of the Williamson Campus Task Force, so I assume what has been proposed is acceptable. I had planned to create an implementation team in early November, however, recent developments have put the establishment of this committee on hold.

I recently met with Mingo County School Superintendent, Dwight Dials, who has indicated that there is a possibility that the College can acquire the Williamson High School facility in 2010 when the new consolidated school is completed. If this is a possibility, it could change our plans for the Williamson National Guard Armory. These discussions are still very preliminary,

but I do plan to meet with the superintendent again after the first of the year to further discuss the issue. I will certainly keep everyone apprised of the outcome of any discussions, and when something more concrete evolves, we will determine how to proceed with the implementation team. We have ample time to determine our next steps.

# Annual Employee Holiday Luncheon and Celebration



*Southern retirees Thelma Gares, Peggy Elkins, and Gay Damron pause for a moment of fellowship with President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin.*



*Merle and Sherry Dempsey extend best wishes to Tom Nuckols on his forthcoming retirement.*



*Southern employees enjoy several Christmas tunes by Krista Brown*



*Santa and his merry elf stop by to check the "Who's Been Naughty and Nice List" with Board of Governors member, Shelley Huffman, and President Tomblin.*



*A little Elf magic!!*



*Pickin' and Grinnin' ... Corbet James, Randy Skeens, and Arlena Mann*



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## Upcoming Events December 2006 / January 2007

### December 2006

- 7 *Help Express Bus*, Williamson Campus, 10:00—12:00pm
- 7-8 Southern Samaritans get to work shopping and wrapping gifts for our friends in nursing homes around the region.
- 11-15 Survival Stations for students setup on campuses.
- 11-16 Final Exam Week
- 14 The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education meets in Charleston
- 18 New Student Orientation—Wyoming/McDowell Campus
- 19 Final Grades Due
- 20 New Student Orientation—Williamson Campus
- 25-29 Christmas Holidays—College Closed

### January 2007

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday
- 8 All College Day—Logan Campus
- 9-11 Registration for Spring 2007
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—College Closed

## Employee Spotlight



- Kudos and congratulations to **Dr. Dean Lucas** who coordinated two successful events at the Logan Campus. **Super Tuesday** and **Appalachian Heritage Day** brought life to the campus with art, music, and history. Both were special and terrific events that were well attended.
- We congratulate **Juanita Topping** on her new position as Coordinator of our Lincoln County site, and **Karen Carlton** who has been selected as the new Director of Off-Campus Instruction.

## Welcome New Employees

- **Beth Deaton**—Program Coordinator, APPAL-READ, Logan Campus
- **Marcus Gibbs**—Graphics and Web Designer, Communications, District Office
- **Sheila Combs**—Educational Outreach Counselor, Student Services, Logan Campus
- **James Bryant** and **Perry Jobe**—Instructors, Mine Training and Energy Technologies, District Office