



Joanne Jaeger Tomblin, President

# Happy Thanksgiving



October was a busy month for Southern and for Southern's Board of Governors. The Board met at Stonewall Resort, October 18-19, along with College administrators to develop a set of institutional priorities to guide the College through 2010. Mr. Tom Heywood from the law firm of Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff and Love, facilitated the planning retreat and was successful in developing a set of draft institutional priorities. Mr. Heywood will present a final draft document to the Board of Governors during

its regular business meeting on November 20, and it is anticipated that the document will be approved. The priorities established by the Board will provide the umbrella for all of the documents included in the College's Strategic Master Plan and will be the focus for our work here at the College for the next three years. I plan to make the priorities available to everyone during the January *All College Day* meeting.

Congratulations are in order to our Radiologic Technology and Nursing

faculty, staff and administrators. I recently learned that Southern's Radiologic Technology program entered two teams in the annual student bowl competition which was held in Morgantown. Both teams were exceptional, placing fourth highest out of 18 teams.

Additionally, we have received preliminary information on passage rates for the national council licensure examination for registered professional nurses. Southern again has excellent scores in comparison to all of the two- and four-year institu-

## High School Visiting Team

The President's High School Visiting Team has made visits this semester to Wyoming East, Liberty and Van High Schools. The group will visit Gilbert High School on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

All individuals interested in attending visits to the schools, please contact Christine Browning at extension 7406 or [Christineb@southern.wvnet.edu](mailto:Christineb@southern.wvnet.edu).

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Dr. Cindy McCoy, Dean for University Transfer Programs, recently spoke to the Williamson Kiwanis Club. Pictured with Dr. McCoy is Williamson Kiwanis Club President and retired Southern Professor, Mike Pfaffenberger.

## Message from the President

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tions in the state. These events have certainly made Southern “shine” throughout the state!

During October, Southern hosted the “Southern West Virginia Partnership for Disability Advocacy Partnering for Progress” conference. The conference was well attended and very successful. Thanks goes to Sherry Dempsey, Roy Simmons, Cindy Crigger, Marcus Gibbs, Mike Baldwin, Tim Ooten, Lee Stroud, Randy Skeens, Eugene Maynard, J.P. Owens, Cindy Whitlock-Powers,

Diana Toler, Sheila Combs, Delbert Queen, Donna Queen, and Joyce Conley for all their work and effort. A great activity to make Southern shine again.

The paving project is underway for the new Allied Health and Technology facility. We hope to begin moving people this month. We will be following the moving schedule prepared last semester. Persons expected to be moving should be ready, however, everyone will be notified prior to their scheduled move date. If you have any ques-

tions, please contact Merle Dempsey.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Let it be a time to reflect on all of the reasons we need to be thankful . . . our families and friends, our jobs here at Southern . . . the wonderful communities in which we live . . . this state and our great United States. Enjoy!

## Board of Governors Strategic Planning Retreat



*Pictured l-r are: James Sheatsley, Emma Baisden (BOG Assistant), Glenn Yost, Mike Baldwin, Elston Johnson, Shelley Huffman, Tom Heywood, President Tomblin, Kevin Fowler, David Pierce, Terry Sammons, George Morrison, Linda Akers and George Kostas.*



## Appalachian Leadership Academy — Cotiga Chapter

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College will be the fifth higher education institution to become a partner of the Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation. The Foundation was founded in 2006 by Mingo County's retired USAF General Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong. Southern's first chapter is being established at the Williamson Campus in partnership with Cotiga Development, Inc. The mission of the Leadership Academy is to recruit and educate young men and women who are academically qualified, exhibit a strong work ethic, and demonstrate leadership qualities, but who would otherwise find college unattainable. Through scholarships from ALEF, college becomes a reality.

Ms. Pauline Sturgill will coordinate the leadership program and Dr. Cindy McCoy will head up the Cotiga Chapter at the Williamson Campus. This will certainly provide another great benefit to students in our region.



*Pictured l-r are Southern's Appalachian Leadership Academy planning committee members: Mary Hamilton, Beth Deaton, Pamela Scaggs, Dr. Cindy McCoy, Pauline Sturgill, Dee Kapourales, and Rita Roberson.*

## CAEL-ALFI Assessment Tool

Currently there is an effort at the state level for community colleges to access how well we serve adult students. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Katie Smith-Cox, serves as Southern's liaison for this project. The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) has developed the ALFI Assessment Toolkit designed specifically for colleges and universities that want to retain undergraduate adult learners and help them achieve their goals. This comes at a very opportune time for Southern as we develop a structure that can better serve our adult population. An adult learner inventory will be established through a survey process that measures adult satisfaction and issues of importance. The assessment tool is based on CAEL's Principles of Effectiveness for Serving Adult Learners, and is part of the Noel-Levitz Satisfaction Priorities suite of surveys.

## West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Chancellor Visits Southern



*Tim Ooten and Lee Stroud provide a tour of Southern's TV Studio for Chancellor Brian Noland of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission during his October 29 visit to Southern.*

## Respiratory Care Technology Hosts Open House



Southern's Department of Respiratory Care Technology hosted an Open House on October 23rd at the Williamson Campus. Pictured are advisory committee members, front row, l-r, Mike Toler, RRT Logan Regional Medical Center; Carolyn MacDonald, RRT Logan Regional Medical Center; Lisa Williamson, RRT Logan Regional Medical Center; Ay-mee Combs, RRT Thomas Memorial Hospital; Stephanie Daniel, RRT SWVCTC; Jennifer Dove, Admin. Sec. Sr. SWVCTC; and Holly Hack, RRT Thomas Memorial Hospital. Back row l-r, Bill Pennybacker, RRT Thomas Memorial Hospital; Paula Stanley, CRT Williamson Memorial Hospital; Jessica Slone, RRT Williamson ARH Hospital; Steven Hall, Instructor/Program Coordinator Respiratory Therapy; Jim Maynard, RRT Williamson ARH Hospital; and Pam Alderman, Dean for Career and Technical Programs.

## Southern Officials Attend Dedication of the Erma Byrd Public Higher Education Center



U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd made an appearance in Raleigh County on October 8th for the dedication of the new Erma Byrd Center located at Beaver, WV. The educational center, which serves eight public colleges and universities, was named after Byrd's late wife. The new facility is the first building to be dedicated as part of the Public Higher Education Center which is located on a 33-acre campus near Beckley. President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin represented and spoke on behalf of the eight presidential partners.





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If you have specific questions regarding  
issues or events at the College, please e-mail  
or call my office by the 15th of each month.

## Employee News

- Congratulations to Karen Preece on the birth of her new grandson, Jackson John Tominack, born September 25, 2007.
- Congratulations to Howard and Kristin Hodge on the birth of their daughter, Laila Grace, born October 2, 2007.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Cindy Whitlock on her marriage to Frank Powers on October 19, 2007.
- Southern was awarded \$10,000 from the West Virginia Development Office for the fourth consecutive year in support of the Rural Leaders program. Congratulations to Allyn Sue Barker and Pauline Sturgill.

## Happy Halloween



## Upcoming Events for November 2007

- 1 PEIA Screenings
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5 Spring 2008 Registration Begins
- 6 Board of Governors Agenda Committee, 9:00am, President's Conference Room, District Office
- Open Community Forum, 5:00pm, Williamson Campus, Room 433
- 9 College Recruitment/Tech Prep, Mingo and Wyoming Counties
- 12 Open Community Forum, 5:00pm, Wyoming Campus, Student Commons
- 19-24 Thanksgiving Break — No Classes
- 20 Board of Governors Meeting, 6:00pm, Boone/Lincoln Campus, Room 110
- 23-24 College Closed
- 27 High School Counselors Workshop, 9:00am, Guyandotte Room
- 28 Cosmetology/Salon Management Open House, 6:00pm, Madison
- 29 Gilbert High School Visit, 9:00am

## New Faces



Laura L. Price  
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