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Happy Thanksgiving



I wish each of you a very wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! We have certainly had a busy semester, so we all are deserving of some rest, relaxation and time with our friends and family. Progress is certainly being made on the Allied Health and Technology facility at the Logan Campus. The steel is up and the scheduled completion date of May 2007.

We had a fantastic press conference announcing the new Respiratory Care Technician program at the Williamson Campus on October 4, 2006. The press conference was well attended by the community and college employees. We are very grateful to Williamson businessman, Sam Kapourales, for his efforts in Southern's "Major

Gifts Campaign," which provided funds to match available state dollars for the programs start-up costs. The College has also established a partnership with Appalachian Regional Hospital who will be donating equipment for the lab, providing a clinical site for students, and participate on our Respiratory Care Advisory Committee.

Our new Director for the Academy for Mine Training and Energy Technologies, Carl Baisden, also participated in the press conference. He had the opportunity to highlight short- and long-term plans for the

Academy which will ultimately provide training at each of our campus locations.

There are obvious signs that the Academy is on the move. Immersive Technologies provided training on the new Simulator during the week of October 23rd. I had the opportunity to try out the Simulator as Rock Truck Operator. All I can say is that it was amazing! The Simulator will truly provide our students with state-of-the-art training, and our potential is unlimited.



Without a doubt, these are exciting times for Southern.

Help is Here Express Bus

Southern hosted the Partnership for Prescription Assistance "Help Is Here Express" bus tour in conjunction with the Logan Regional Medical Center Auxiliary at the Logan Campus on Octo-

ber 17th. The bus, provided by the Pharmaceutical 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

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Upcoming Events:

- November 7, Board of Governors Agenda Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., President's Conference Room
- November 7, Transfer Opportunity Day, 10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m., Logan Campus
- November 8, Mingo County Vocational School allied health students to visit the Logan Campus
- November 9, Transfer Opportunity Day, 10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m., Boone Campus
- November 20—25, Thanksgiving Break, No Classes
- November 23—24, Thanksgiving Holiday, College Closed
- November 28, Board of Governors Business Meeting, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Lincoln County High School, Hamlin, WV

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insurance or prescription drug coverage.

Mr. Billy Tauzin, President and Chief Executive Officer of PhRMA, said they have held more than 500 events similar to the one at the Logan Campus, but the one held at Southern by far, was the most successful held in the state of West Virginia in terms of patient turnout and those helped.

Ms. Cindy Crigger, who coordinated the project, is currently in the process of scheduling another visit at the Williamson Campus.



Student Convocations

I have been holding Student Convocations at our campuses during the past few weeks. These meetings are part of my effort in recruitment and retention to determine what barriers our students face.

I have met with students at our Boone, Logan and William-

son campuses. My last convocation will be held at the Wyoming Campus on November 6.

Information that I have acquired from our students will be added to the recommendations of the President's Task Force on Recruitment, Retention and Graduation.

Board of Governors Meeting and Retreat

The Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors held its October meeting and annual retreat in Charleston, West Virginia, on October 19-20, 2006.

The Board reviewed Southern's Vision 2020 Plan and developed a draft plan for strategic goals and priorities. The Board will review the draft during its November meeting and adopt College priorities that

will be shared with the College as a whole.

The Board also granted approval for draft policies to be sent out for a 30-day comment period. The policies have been announced and circulated. Additionally, the Board amended the Program Review Schedule to allow the Division of Technology and Engineering to review all programs in the same academic year.

Board of Governors Vice Chair, Rory Perry, who has been on the Board since its inception, has tendered his resignation effective October 31, 2006 to Governor Manchin due to his recent retirement from Bank One—Logan and subsequent relocation to Huntington, WV. We are very sorry that he will be leaving the Board and wish him well with future endeavors.

High School and Middle School Visits

It's that time of year again to begin our high school and middle school visits. Our first high school visit this fall was held at the new Lincoln County High School in Hamlin, West Virginia on October 31st with approximately 196 seniors in attendance. Scheduled visits through December include

Madison Middle School	November 15 at 9:10 am
Sheldon Clark High School	November 16 at 1:30 pm
Mount View High School	December 6 at 1:00 pm

Persons interested in traveling with the "team" should contact Christine Browning-Poore at 792-7160, extension 119 or by e-mail at Christineb@southern.wvnet.edu.



President's Visiting Team in front of Southern's wing at Lincoln County High School. Pictured l-r: Randy Skeens, President Joanne Tomblin, Allyn Sue Barker, Ron Lemon, Juanita Topping, Carol Howerton, Pam Alderman and Mike Baldwin.

Southern's Allied Health Programs Premier in the State

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College has become the leader in allied health programs among two- and four-year colleges in West Virginia. Mrs. Pamela Alderman, Associate Vice President and Dean of Allied Health, has received final results of the 2006 graduates who took the national certification licensure and registry examinations. For the first time in the history of Southern's Division of Allied

Health, all students graduating from the A.A.S. programs received a 100% passage rate. This includes graduates from the Medical Laboratory Technology, Nursing, and Radiologic Technology programs. This is a tremendous success!!

Additionally, graduates of the EMT-B course achieved 100% passage on their national exam. Graduates from

the Medical Laboratory Assistant program again achieved 100% passage on their national certification exams as did the first graduates from the Electrocardiography program at the Wyoming Campus.

This is a phenomenal time in our history. I congratulate our allied health program coordinators, faculty, and support staff for making this happen.

Employee Spotlight

- Our congratulations to Teri Wells, **Student Records Assistant**, on the receipt of this year's West Virginia Community College Association Award for her distinguished service to Southern. We applaud Teri on this honor.



Question:

Is it possible for an employee to return to the normal five-day work

week after he or she has chosen the new four-day flex schedule?

Answer:

Yes, employees may revert back to the normal five-day work schedule of 8:00-4:30, Monday through Friday as the four-day work week is voluntary.



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Please read the President's Newsletter online at:
<http://www.southern.wvnet.edu/pres/administration/PresidentNewsletter.htm>

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.

Southern employees participate in Halloween Dress-up Day sponsored by the Logan Campus Student Government Association on October 31st. Pictured standing l-r: Judy Slazo, Kristin Hodge, Carol Hicks, Justin Endicott, Bobbi Ritchie, Naomi Blankenship, and Virginia Stepp. Kneeling l-r: Connie Keeney, Mitzi Paynter and Maegan Eplin.

BITS AND PIECES

- The Williamson Campus Task Force has completed its work and submitted its final recommendations. I have sent the summary of recommendations to all employees for review and comment. Please provide any comments, suggestions or concerns that you may have to me by Thursday, November 30, 2006. I will be creating an Implementation Team consisting of administrators and several members of the original Task Force to begin reviewing the plans, set strategies and oversee the project over the next several years.
- The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) conducted a site visit for continuing accreditation of the Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program on October 3-4, 2006 at the Logan Campus. The process was excellent and we anticipate receiving full re-accreditation. Final results of the accreditation visit will be provided to Southern in the spring.
- I thank all employees who provided feedback on the academic and governance reorganization structures. After reviewing your comments and holding discussions with many of you, I will present the final structures at our "All College Day" meeting on January 8, 2007.
- The Board of Governors Salary Planning Committee held its initial meeting on October 23rd and has scheduled a follow-up meeting for November 15.
- The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approved grant funds for Southern to initiate Cosmetology and Survey Technician programs.
- Southern officials attended the dedication ceremony for the new Lincoln County High School at Hamlin on October 19, 2006. Brigadier General Charles "Chuck" Yeager was the featured speaker.
- Dr. Dean Lucas' Social Problems 201 class hosted "Make a Difference Day Projects" October 23-28, 2006. *Make a Difference Day* is a nationally observed day of service. Dr. Lucas' class provided a Halloween theme read aloud and activities in elementary schools throughout the communities of Omar, Kermit, Lenore, Chapmanville, Dingess, Road Branch, and the Williamson Campus.

