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PRESIDENT MARSHALL'S REPORT TO FACULTY AND STAFF

KCTCS HONORS HARRIS AND LCRH

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and its colleges honored some of their most valuable benefactors on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the KCTCS Annual Gala held at Heritage Hall in Lexington.

Somerset Community College selected Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, which pledged more than \$330,000 to Somerset Community College to help establish a new Radiography Program and Charlene Harris, the current chair and long-time member of the SCC Board of Directors as our College's honorees.

"Charlene has been one of SCC's greatest boosters for a very long time," said Jo Marshall, Ph.D., president of SCC, "And Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital's generous commitment to assisting and expanding our allied health programs has been wonderful."

Michael B. McCall, president of KCTCS, presented awards on Saturday to 39 of the system's major donors and volunteers at the 2003 President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner. The fourth annual event began at 7 p.m. in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom of the

Lexington Center Heritage Hall.

At the system level, KCTCS is honoring Martha C. Johnson of Lexington and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Johnson served for six years on the KCTCS Board of Regents, and was its founding chair. She currently

serves as a member of the KCTCS Foundation Inc. She is vice president of divisional communications for Ashland Inc., based in Lexington.

She earned an associate in arts degree from Ashland Community College. **Continued on page 2**

Governor Patton appoints Mimi Hoskins to SCC Board of Directors

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton announced Thursday, Nov. 6, that he had appointed Mimi Hoskins of the Dixie Bend community south of Burnside, to replace Brenda L. Steele-Burton, Somerset, who has resigned. Hoskins will serve out the remainder of Steele's unexpired term ending Aug. 1, 2005.

Hoskins, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, has lived in Pulaski County since 1980, but beginning in 1972 she became a frequent visitor to Lake Cumberland, where her father had a cabin. In 1980, they moved to Pulaski County when her father purchased Bill's Grocery in the Jasper Bend community near the



Mimi Hoskins

McCreary County line.

Hoskins is the pricing coordinator at the Kroger Supermar-

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nity College and later was a member of the college advisory board. Johnson received her bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University.

Besides providing leadership to KCTCS, Johnson and her husband, Jim, have contributed financially to the KCTCS Foundation, which established a scholarship in her name. Also, her work at Ashland Inc. has included responsibility over the company's philanthropic foundation activities. The KCTCS Foundation received its first charitable donation - a \$200,000 commitment over four years — from Ashland in 1999.

“The leadership and support that Martha Johnson has provided to KCTCS during our early years has been key to laying the foundation for our success,” said Cynthia L. Read, Johnson's successor as Board of Regents chair and a fellow founding member of the board.

“It is only fitting that she be honored in this manner.”

The Kentucky Colonels are being honored for donating to KCTCS \$320,000 over five years to establish the Kentucky Colonels Better Life Scholarship Program. KCTCS announced the donation recently while kicking off its major gifts campaign, called “Fulfilling the Promise.”

The scholarship is targeted toward single parents who demonstrate financial need. One student in each KCTCS district will be selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship to cover the costs of full-time attendance.



Going for the goal – Students at Somerset Community College reached and exceeded their goal by collecting 28 pints of blood during a Blood Drive sponsored by the SCC Student Government Association. Shown here are (L. to R.) Jo Martin, a sophomore criminal justice major from Russell County, and Staci Rainwater, a phlebotomist at the Central Kentucky Blood Center.



Charlie Isaacs feted at reception - Somerset Community College hosted a reception in honor of Charlie Isaacs, a math instructor at the College. Isaacs is retiring. Shown here from the left are: His brother, Bill, and Bill's wife, Betty; his sister, Ann Perkins; Isaacs, his son, Doug Isaacs; his wife, Dorothy; and his sister Eloise Kirby.

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ket in the Grand Central Shopping Center. She is a member of the United Food Workers Local 227. Her husband, James E. Hoskins, is full-time in the Army National Guard. He will be deploying to Egypt in May. The Hoskins have three children: Heather Hill, 12, and Natasha Hoskins, 11, attend Southern Middle School, while Amber Hoskins, 7, attends Oak Hill Elementary.

Hoskins attends Harvest Community Church of God. She is active in the community as a volunteer elementary school basketball coach, is a volunteer at Oak Hill Elementary, and at Southern Middle School.

"I'm kind of excited about it really," Hoskins said. "I'm looking forward to seeing what I'll be involved in. My father has always urged me to get involved and now I am."

Tracy Casada attends Leadership Seminar

Tracy Casada, the chief student affairs officer at Somerset Community College, was selected to represent SCC at this year's New Horizons President's Leadership Seminar.

The employees were in Lexington October 14-16 to attend the KCTCS New Horizons President's Leadership Seminar, a professional development experience designed for participants to explore in a collegial environment such broad-ranging issues as leadership traits, national issues and trends, professionalism, media relations and customer service.

Theater Dept. presents *LaBella Luna*

Tickets are now on sale for Somerset Community College Theatre's fall production *LaBella Luna*. The evening of love, laughter and lunacy will be presented in Stoner Little Theatre on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15 and then again on Thursday and Friday, November 20 and 21 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets for the performance are \$8.00 when purchased in advance at SCC's Writing Center. SCC students and high school students will pay \$4.00 in advance. General Admission at the door is \$10. There is still time to purchase passes for the entire season for only \$15.

La Bella Luna is an evening made up of six comic sketches performed by twelve actors. It continues a tradition at SCC Theatre of the occasional offering of an "evening of shorts."

"There are several reasons that we make the "evening of shorts" performance a part of just about every other season," states SCC Theatre Coordinator Steve Cleberg. "One reason is that it gives our performers an opportunity to hone their skills in comic timing."

Among the sketches are the period piece *Here We Are* by Dorothy Parker. Two newlyweds take a train trip to their honeymoon. Along the way the audience sees how times have changed; also how they have stayed the same.

Luigi Jannuzzi's comic sketch *With or Without You* takes a contemporary view of relationships as a young woman stresses out over the inevitability of her relationship with a man she claims she doesn't love.

Two strangers are stranded on an amusement park ride in Mary Miller's delightful short sketch *Ferris Wheel*. Being trapped in each other's company, the pair learn a lot about their pasts and create a meaningful, if short lived, relationship.

The love between a father and his daughter is the focus of Joseph Bologna and Renee Taylor's comic sketch *David & Nancy*. It is the night before Nancy's wedding and David tells his daughter about the misgivings he has about her prospective mate. The short play conveys a mixture of comic truth and tenderness.

The next sketch of the evening, Bologna and Taylor's *Johnny & Wilma*, is a modern day battle of the sexes between a husband and wife who try to get the upper hand on each other. It plays like a modern day version of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

The evening that begins with a newlywed couple ends appropriately with an aged couple on their front porch reminiscing about old times. The problem arises when they confuse dates, events, children and former spouses. The evening begins and ends across the span of a lifetime.

For further information about tickets for *LaBella Luna*, contact Sherry Crabtree at (606) 679-8501, Extension 3408.

New Academic/Technical Building named for Blakey, Sr.

A newly-constructed building on Somerset Community College's north campus was dedicated to the late Somerset businessman Alton Blakley Sr. in a ceremony on Sept. 4.

"SCC is proud to honor the memory of Alton Blakley Sr.," Dr. Jo Marshall, SCC president, told the crowd in the foyer of the now officially-named Alton E. Blakley Sr. Academic and Technical Building.

The 54, 254 square-foot building cost \$10.3 million dollars and houses classrooms, office space and cutting-edge information technology equipment.

The new building facilitates much of SCC's allied health associate degree programs. These include a Clinical Laboratory Assistant Program, a Practical Nursing Program, and a Registered Nursing Program.

In addition, the new facility will house modern equipment for programs such as the Computer Numerical Controls Program, the Computer-Aided Drafting Program, the Machine Tool Technology Program, the Electronics/Electricity Program and the Hydraulics and Pneumatics Program.

"He gave of himself liberally," said long-time SCC advocate Richard Cooper of his friend, Alton Blakley Sr. "Everything he touched, he made better."

Cooper was a key player in the Partners in Progress Fundraising Campaign which worked to help make the new building a reality.

Alton Blakley Jr., also a key leader in the campaign's efforts, praised the campaign partners and

area citizens. "The people of Pulaski and surrounding areas have really stepped up to the plate," he said.

"The leadership and financial commitment of the Blakley family and First and Farmers Bank in the Partners in Progress Campaign is truly deserving of honor," said Marshall. "We are so proud of this building."

Marshall said the new building has been a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) "show piece" - an example to other campuses.

The building has won a first-place award for innovative design from the American Society for Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). "The building contains an innovative and efficient heating and cooling system

which uses geo-thermal energy," said David Cazalet, a college spokesman.

Alton Blakley Sr. was a well-known and successful businessman who is perhaps best known for the Alton Blakley automobile dealerships.

He was also successful in the cable television business, at one time owning over 100 cable systems including the Cumberland Valley Cable T.V. Company.

Blakley was also chairman of the board for First and Farmers Bank and was one of three partners who helped revive the bank.

He was known for being active in the civil arena as well. He had served as the chairman of the United Way of South Central Kentucky. He once said "I owe everything to the people of Pulaski County."



SCC Lions Club raised \$437 through the give-away of a Halloween Basket on Thursday, Oct. 30. The Lions Club uses its funds to help students with eyesight problems. Shown here are from the left are: Dana Todd, SCC Lions Club; Melissa Morrison, SCC Lions Club; and Mary Dawson, the winner of the Halloween basket.

CED adds new insurance classes to help local agents keep current

The Community and Economic Development Division of Somerset Community College has received approval from the Kentucky Department of Insurance to teach 40 hours pre-licensing classes in Property & Casualty as well as Personal Lines Insurance. SCC was the first community college in Kentucky to offer pre-licensing for Life & Health insurance candidates.

According to David Wiles, Dean of Community and Workforce Development, "The addition of these two schools will enable SCC to continue as a leader in insurance education for those entering the insurance industry."

The property and casualty, personal lines and life and health courses are all approved for college credit. Each course is 40 hours in length and prepares those attending to sit for the required examination.

In addition to offering the pre-licensing courses, Somerset Community College has also expanded the courses available for continuing education for those holding an insurance license. The Department of Insurance requires every licensed agent to complete 24 hours every biennium in a related insurance course. SCC offers both correspondence and classroom courses that are approved by the Department of Insurance. All classes are approved for college credit and are structured to fulfill the requirements of the Department of Insurance.

According to Pat Wilson,

coordinator of the insurance program, "We have an excellent program here at SCC that serves all those wanting to go into the insurance industry as well as those already licensed."

Those required to be licensed may be employed in the insurance industry, funeral homes, mobile home sales, banks, investment companies and automobile dealers.

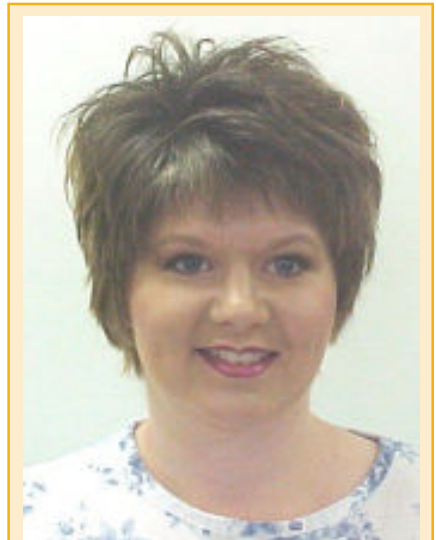
"Anyone licensed to sell insurance of any type, will have Continuing Education responsibilities", according to Wilson. "We have five qualified instructors and have tried to arrange our class schedules to accommodate most agents", Wilson added. For information or to register for any of the pre-licensing schools or continuing education classes, please call Somerset Community College at 606-677-4049 ext 134. Prices, class schedules and an

application can be found at the Somerset Community College website, www.somerset.kctcs.edu. The information can be found by clicking the mouse twice on "Insurance School" on the left hand side of the web page. It is listed under "Departments."

SCC hosts KADE meeting

Somerset Community College hosted the 20th Annual Kentucky Association for Developmental Education (KADE) conference on Nov. 7 and 8.

KADE is the Kentucky affiliate of the National Association for Developmental Education, a professional organization that seeks to recognize and value the contribution of developmental educators, to promote their professional growth, and to advocate for research and the dissemination of knowledge about developmental education.



Lorna Huffaker Huffaker awarded Masters in Nursing

Lorna Huffaker graduated from Eastern Kentucky University on August 1, 2003 with a Master's Degree in nursing administration. She is a 1988 graduate of Clinton County High School and a 1992 graduate of Western Kentucky University. She is a member of the faculty at Somerset Community College practical nursing program. She resides in Monticello, Kentucky with her husband Mike and her two children, Malachi, 4, and Ethan, 10 months.

SCC College Chorus to present Christmas Program

Somerset Community College's Fine Arts Department will present "A Choral Christmas Concert" Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 p.m. in SCC's Stoner Little Theatre.

This is the first concert of the newly reorganized College Chorus under the direction of SCC's new instructor of music, Bob Hekel. Bob came to SCC from California where he was the conductor / artistic direc-

tor of *The Sand Pipers*, a renowned professional choral ensemble. He was also the conductor of the choirs at College of the Desert. Bob has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in music with specializations in choral conducting and vocal pedagogy from San Diego State University.

Accompanying will be local talent Marie Sears. Currently, in addi-



Bob Hekel

tion to her accompanying duties at SCC, Marie is also the organist at First United Methodist Church and the accompanist of the Lake Cumberland Community Choir. Marie holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music education as well as a Rank I in Secondary Principalship from Eastern Kentucky University.

Although formed just recently, the College Chorus already has a beautiful professional sound.

Featured at the concert will be holiday choral repertoire representative of various styles and musical periods. Also featured will be an audience sing-a-long of familiar carols.

We cordially invite you to be a part of this special evening of holiday music. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in the SCC Writing Center from 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday. For Visa and MasterCard orders, please call the SCC Box Office at (606) 679-8501 ext. 3408.

SCC Adult Learning Centers meet goals, earn rewards

Kentucky Adult Education, a unit of the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPE), is rewarding Somerset Community College's Adult Education Programs in Casey and McCreary Counties for their success.

COPE recently announced financial rewards to programs that met their enrollment and performance goals for fiscal year 2003.

For the McCreary Adult Learning Center the reward totaled \$10,007, while the Casey Adult Learning Center earned a \$3,927 reward.

"Both the McCreary and Casey programs had a long way to go, but thanks to the cooperation and buy-in of those communities, we were successful in meeting our goals," said Joyce Flynn, the director of the SCC Adult Education Program.

Sandy Claunch handles the day-to-day operation of the SCC Adult Education Programs.

Beverly Murphy, a retired McCreary County teacher, manages the SCC McCreary Adult Learning Center. The Center is located in SCC's McCreary Center. Other staff members include: Wanda Monroe, Leslie Hamlin, and Jennifer J. Barnett.

The Casey County Adult Learning Center recently moved to a larger facility it shares with the Southern Casey Water District south of Liberty. Michael "Mickey" LaFavers manages the Casey Center. Other staff members include: April Russell and Jackie Card.

"I am very proud of Joyce, Sandy and our staff people in McCreary and Casey Counties," said Jo Marshall, Ph.D., president of Somerset Community College. "They have done a wonderful job and that is demonstrated with this award."

Say "Hello" to several new SCC employees



Ray Turner

Ray is our new Reference Librarian. He will be working in the new Laurel County Public Library on the Laurel Campus North.



Loretta Smith

Loretta is our new Office Support Assistant and will be working with Steve Saarinen.



James Stephens

James is our new Custodial Worker II at the McCreary Center.



John McConaha

John is our new Instructional Specialist who will be working with the Industrial Maintenance Technology and Machine Tool Technology programs.



Cindy Burton

Cindy is our new Instructional Specialist who will be working with Stuart Simpson in the Graphics program on the Somerset Campus South.



Dennis Hargis

Dennis is our new Surgical Technology Program Director/Instructor and is located at the Somerset Campus North.

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David Deaton

David is our new Aviation Program Instructor and is located at the Somerset Campus South.



Eric Mitchell

Eric is our new Information Technology Support Specialist who will be working on the Somerset Campus North.



SCC hosts open house at new Russell Center

Somerset Community College President Jo Marshall, Ph.D., (right) chats with Gene Smith, a member of the Russell County Industrial Authority and local businessman (second from right); Charlene Harris, president of First National Bank and chairman of the board of directors of Somerset Community College (third from the right); and SCC's Russell Center Director Winfrey Bates (back to camera) during the Oct. 28th Open House the College hosted for the people of Russell County. Also shown in this picture are Dr. Tony Honeycutt, the new provost at SCC (back to camera left) and Daryl McGaha, who is with the Workforce Investment Board and the Lake Cumberland Area Development District.



Greeting future SCC students

Jo Marshall, Ph.D., (center) president of Somerset Community College, took a moment to speak with two McCreary Central High School students during the annual Rotary Career Exploration Day. Area Rotary Clubs sponsored the event, which gave students from area high schools the opportunity to tour the SCC Somerset North and South Campuses. Shown here with Dr. Marshall are April Bolin and Jonathan Keith.