



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
Chief Academic Officers
Distance Learning Coordinators
Student Development Administrators

FROM: Delores A. Parker, Vice President
Academic and Student Services

SUBJECT: New Staff Members in the Division of Academic and Student Services

Several vacant positions in the Division of Academic and Student Services have recently been filled by very qualified individuals. I am pleased to provide a brief introduction for each person.

Emeka L.E. Emekauwa, Ph.D. – Coordinator, Distance Learning

Dr. Emekauwa comes to us from Shaw University where he served as a Professor of Mass Communications and the General Manager of WSHA-FM. He was the head of the Mass Communication Department before his appointment as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. He also held the position of Director of the College of Adult and Professional Education (CAPE), supervising ten Shaw University distance learning campuses throughout the state. Enrollment of adult students almost doubled with millions of dollars in grant funding for the radio station. Emeka graduated from The University of Wisconsin, Madison, earning his B.A. and M.A. in Communication Arts – Radio, Television and Film, and the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction – Instructional Technology.

Van C. Wilson – Associate Vice President, Academic and Student Development Services

Prior to joining our staff, Mr. Wilson served as the Vice President for Student Services at Forsyth Technical Community College. For over two decades he has served as a college administrator in both the university and community college systems of North Carolina. His past responsibilities include the implementation of an institution wide student information system, college enrollment planning, and both the creation and implementation of a university mentoring program for African-American students. Prior to assuming his role at Forsyth Technical Community College, he served as the executive director of enrollment management at Winston-Salem State University. Van earned both his B.A. in Chemistry and his M.S. in Public Affairs from Western Carolina University. Currently he is pursuing his doctorate in educational leadership from Appalachian State University.

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Rebecca Sayers –Information Processing Technician, Program Services

Ms. Rebecca (Becky) Sayers is the new Information Processing Technician in the Program Services Department. Becky comes to us from private industry. She most recently worked at First Citizens Bank and has more than 2 years of experience in the banking industry. Becky also has 8 years of service with the Community College system. Immediately prior to FCB, she was employed at Wake Technical Community College in the Library, Learning and Media Services Division. Becky earned her AAS Degree in Accounting from Johnston Community College in August of 1998 and her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from North Carolina Wesleyan College in May 2001. While working at Wake Tech, she participated in Central Carolina Community College's pilot of the *Library Information Technology* program and earned a Diploma in Library and Information Technology. She is married and has an 18-year-old daughter, who is a senior in High School.

Elizabeth Spragins - Program Coordinator, Developmental Education/General Education/Agricultural and Natural Resources Technologies/Biological and Chemical Technologies

Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) Spragins comes to the System Office on January 22 from Wayne Community College, where she served as Division Head of Arts and Sciences. Prior to that, she was a department head and lead instructor at Wake Technical Community College. During her career with the Community College System, Ms. Spragins has supervised and/or instructed in a variety of areas, including developmental education, science/math, communications/language, and humanities. She also served for six years as the Senior Examinations Editor for the American Board of Pediatrics. Beth earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish from Wake Forest University. She also holds a master's degree in Spanish Literature from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in Technical Communication from N.C. State University.

I hope that you will take time to welcome these individuals to the staff at the System Office. Please know that my staff and I will always be available for assistance as needed.

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cc: Academic and Student Services staff

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