



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

R. Scott Ralls, Ph.D.

President

August 7, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents

FROM: R. Scott Ralls

SUBJECT: **2008 Governor's Awards for Excellence
in Workforce Development**

It is my pleasure to share with you the attached list of the award recipients for the *2008 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development* sponsored by the North Carolina Commission on Workforce Development.

Congratulations are extended to the two facilities selected to receive *Outstanding Employer* awards. The Classic Leather Furniture Company from Hickory was nominated by the Catawba County JobLink Career Center at Catawba Valley Community College for partnering with the area JobLink and/or community college to train or upgrade the skills of their employees. Country Legends WIST 98.3 FM from High Point was nominated by the Randolph County JobLink Career Center for its involvement in workforce development within the community.

We also congratulate Katrina McCain Jones from Whiteville and Vinson McNeill from Broadway, who have been selected to receive *Outstanding Adult* awards in workforce development. Katrina was nominated by the Columbus County JobLink/Southeastern Community College and the Cape Fear Workforce Development Board. Katrina was enrolled in the W.I.A Adult and New Choices Displaced Homemaker Program. She earned her Practical Nursing degree from Southeastern Community College and is now employed as a licensed practical nurse in Elizabethtown. Vinson McNeill was nominated by the Lee County JobLink Career Center and a participant in the W.I.A. program. He attended Central Carolina Community College and received a Motorcycle Mechanics Diploma with honors. Vincent is now employed fulltime with Sandhills Harley Davidson.

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Our congratulations also are extended to Betty Jean Caulder and Sherman Rankins who were selected to receive *Outstanding Youth* awards. Betty Jean was nominated by the Scotland High School W.I.A. Out-of-School Youth Program. She obtained her high school diploma and plans to pursue an associate degree at Richmond Community College. Sherman was nominated by the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. He was also a participant in the W.I.A. Out-of-School Youth Program. Sherman became a high school graduate in June 2008 and plans to attend Rowan-Cabarrus Community College or Livingstone College.

Congratulations are also extended to Stacy Peek, who has been selected to receive the "*Wayne Daves Award for Outstanding Achievement in Workforce Development.*" Stacy is a counselor/case manager at the Mountain Area JobLink Career Center in Asheville, NC.

Attached is a preliminary agenda and registration form for the North Carolina Workforce Development Partnership Conference scheduled for **October 22-24, 2008**, at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro. The Governor's award recipients will be recognized at a banquet on **October 23** during the conference.

If you should have any questions, please call Stephanie Deese at (919) 807-7159 or e-mail her at deeses@nccommunitycolleges.edu

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**2008 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Employers

Classic Leather Furniture Company
Hickory, North Carolina
Catawba County JobLink Career Center
Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board

Country Legends WIST 98.3 FM
High Point, North Carolina
Randolph County JobLink Career Center
Regional Partnership Workforce Development Board

Outstanding Workforce Development Adults

Katrina McCain Jones
Whiteville, North Carolina
Columbus County JobLink Career Center
Cape Fear Workforce Development Board

Vincent McNeill
Broadway, North Carolina
Lee County JobLink Career Center
Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board

Outstanding Workforce Development Youth

Betty Jean Caulder
Laurinburg, North Carolina
Scotland High School W.I.A. Out-of-School Program
Lumber River Workforce Development Board

Sherman Rankin
Salisbury, North Carolina
Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.
Centralina Workforce Development Board

Wayne Daves Award

for

Outstanding Achievement in Workforce Development

Stacy Peek
Asheville, North Carolina
Mountain Area JobLink Career Center
Mountain Area Workforce Development Board