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Newsletter produced for the students, faculty, staff and friends of Southeastern Community College

Early Registration for Summer & Fall Semesters Going on NOW

Early Advisement and Registration for Summer and Fall semesters are going on now through April 25, Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Summer semester classes will begin Wednesday, May 21, and fall semester classes will begin Tuesday, Aug. 19. Students may pay tuition and fees by check, cash or credit card.

Southeastern Community College offers more than 50 programs, including Agricultural Biotechnology, Basic Law Enforcement Training, Broadcast Production Technology, Facility Maintenance Technology and Invasive Species Management. Check out the class schedule at www.sccnc.edu.

For more information, contact your advisor for an appointment or call 642-7141, today!

SCC Student Becomes U.S. Citizen



Adriana Nuñez of Delco was born in Mexico and moved to the United States when she was just over one year old. When she started school, the first language she learned was English even though her parents only spoke Spanish. Her world was bilingual.

Nuñez was the first Hispanic to enroll at Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School. She was the first female Hispanic to be inducted into the National Honors Society at East Columbus High School, and she was the first Hispanic marshal at graduation.

As of the end of February, she is now the first person in her family to become an American citizen.

She started this quest in March 2007. Her first appointment with Citizenship and Immigration Services was in May when she was fingerprinted. Her last appointment included a Naturalization interview with an INS officer in the morning and the Oath of Allegiance ceremony in the afternoon. She was one of 31 people from 21 different countries who became American citizens that day.

"I really did my research," Nuñez explained. "I have learned so much about American history and government. When I watch television news, I really understand how important it is to be an involved citizen. When I took the oath, it was very emotional."

When immigrants want to become Americans, they must take a civics test as part of their naturalization interview before a Citizenship and Immigration

Services (INS) officer. The questions are usually selected from a list of 100 sample questions that prospective citizens can review before the interview. However, the examiner is not limited to those questions. Candidates are not given multiple choices in the naturalization interview, which is conducted orally.

After the Oath of Allegiance ceremony, the first call Nuñez made was to her mother to tell her that she is an American. Her mother, Minerva Nuñez of Hallsboro who is working on her General Education Diploma (GED) at Southeastern Community College, immediately asked her daughter if she thought she would be able to pass the test. Adriana assured her mother that she could do it. In fact, her parents had actually started the process even before she had.

American citizens enjoy privileges such as being entitled to vote in local, state and national elections, having the right to travel on a U.S. passport, being able to hold a government job, and having the ability to sponsor relatives for permanent resident status in the United States.

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News You Can Use

Get Involved with the SGA

SCC's Student Government Association has a variety of activities planned. Check out the following schedule and make plans to get involved!

April 15 Red Cross Blood Drive (Gym) **8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are encouraged. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting the Student Activities Office at 642-7141, ext. 416 or ext. 254. Don't forget to bring a picture I.D. Give BLOOD; Give LIFE!

April 17 SCC Student vs Faculty Staff Softball **noon Relay for Life Softball Game**

Help us help others and have a lot of fun too. SGA/Student Activities will make a \$5 donation for each student and staff member who plays in the game and a \$1 donation to Relay for Life for every softball fan that shows up for the game.

Contact the Student Activities office to sign up today!

April 22 Earth Day (See article on page 3.) **8 a.m. -2:30 p.m.**

April 23 Spring Fling (front of G-Building) **11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Students can enjoy a variety of games and gather information from a variety of community resources. Come out and enjoy a spring day, good food and entertainment for all.

April 24 Career Fair **1-4 p.m.**

April 25-26 Relay for Life

For more information, contact Donna Turbeville at 642-7141, ext. 203.

April 29 Learning Day (See page 7.) **10 a.m. - noon**

April 30 Academic Awards (T-120 & T-122) **noon**

Awards will be presented to students who have been chosen by their instructors for achieving academic excellence.

Get FAFSA Help

It's time to complete the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you need help completing the application, the Financial Aid Office will help you complete it on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at (910) 642-7141, ext. 214.

Join the Environmental Action Club

SCC's Environmental Action Club was organized to promote the preservation and conservation of all wildlife, to raise the level of public awareness of the threats of wildlife, to promote and protect the growth of native trees and wildflowers, to encourage fellowship among all sportsmen and environmentalists, to involve students in civic service, and to bring about a spirit of communication with all creation. It is open to SCC students and employees and meets the first Tuesday of every month from noon to 12:50 p.m. in the C-Building. For more information, contact Becky Westbrooks at (910) 642-7141, ext. 291 or Scott Schmolesky at ext. 426. Upcoming events include the Highlands Trip Wednesday, April 16 through Sunday, April 20 and Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22.

Submit Art and Literature to Aries, Now!

Aries, SCC's annual student journal, is currently accepting submissions of art and literature. Send poetry, fiction and nonfiction to Allison Parker, editor, at aparker@sccnc.edu in Word format. Send art submissions to Ron Cole and David McCormick (dmccormick@sccnc.edu) in the SCC Art Department. The deadline for all entries is August 1, 2008. For more information, call Allison Parker at ext. 380 or Ron Cole at ext. 370.

SCC Presents 3rd Annual High School Honors Band Festival

The 3rd Annual High School Honors Jazz Band Festival, sponsored by Security Savings Bank, rounds out the college's 2007-2008 Richard F. Burkhardt Fine and Performing Arts Series.

On Thursday, April 17, the High School Jazz Band Competition will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the SCC Auditorium. The Honors Jazz Band Concert will be Saturday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the SCC Auditorium.

Admission to the festival is by season ticket or \$10. SCC students with a current student ID are admitted free. For more information, contact Dr. Sharyn Edwards at 642-7141, ext. 235.

American Citizen (continued from page 1)

American citizenship is already making a difference in Nuñez's life. She plans to vote in the primaries in May. And, she is considering her career options including working for the government.

"I'm going to get my associate's degree at Southeastern Community College and I'm hoping to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to earn my bachelor's degree. Since I am bilingual, I am planning to become an interpreter."

With the influx of Hispanics into the region, there is a dire need for interpreters. Career options for interpreters seem endless.

The Nuñez family understands the power and promise of education and American citizenship. Adriana may be the first American citizen in the family, but chances are high that

she is not the last.

Beginning on Oct. 1, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be administering a redesigned test to make immigrants think more about American concepts instead of memorizing a list of facts. Until then, the current set of questions, which have been in effect for many years, will be administered.

For more information about the Basic Skills program or any of the programs offered by Southeastern Community College, call 642-7141, ext. 279, visit the college at 4564 Chadbourn Highway in Whiteville, or go to the Website at www.sccnc.edu.

SCC also has a Hispanic Center on campus that is directed by Silas Acosta, a native Spanish speaker. Contact him at 642-7141, ext. 466.

SCC Celebrates Earth Day April 22



Marty Essen, the "Creature Teacher," is the featured presenter at this year's Earth Day Celebration.

Come join the faculty, staff and students of Southeastern Community College along with Columbus County's fourth graders to celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22 from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. All activities are free of charge and open to the public.

Activities and exhibits will reinforce this year's theme, which is "Going Green." According to Jackie Williams, 2008 Earth Day coordinator, "This year's theme reinforces how important it is for us to be aware of the environment and to do our part with conservation, reuse and recycling. You will not want to miss this year's celebration!"

Dubbed the "Creature Teacher" by the Helena Independent Record, Marty Essen will be the featured presenter. He has wowed audiences of all ages with his fascinating, high-energy "Seven Continents Digital Slide Show."

While traveling the world in search of rare and interesting wildlife, Essen was stung by one of the world's most venomous insects, bitten by a poisonous snake, surrounded by wolves, attacked by a hippopotamus, and had the time of his life. He has gone swimming with piranhas, hiking with the Porcupine caribou migration, and rafting with humpback whales.

Essen chronicled his unique adventures in his first book, *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents*, which has won three first-place awards for travel/essay writing including the 2007 Benjamin Franklin Award, the National Indie Excellence 2007 Book Award, and the Best Books 2006 Book Award. It has also won bronze medals in the ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Awards

and the IPPY Awards. He has recently finished writing a children's book about the value of predators and is working on additional wildlife-oriented projects.

Attendees of the Earth Day celebration also will be able to take an informative walk on SCC's Nature Trail and to witness demonstrations including pottery making, manicuring, and the use of forestry equipment. Environmental characters will delight and educate attendees about their environmental awareness campaigns. T-shirts, baked goods, and other products will be available for purchase.

A free picnic lunch also will be provided from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information about the Earth Day Celebration at Southeastern Community College, contact Jackie Williams at (910) 642-7141, ext. 326.

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1. Students view the latest art exhibit displayed in the SCC Upstairs' Art Gallery. Watermark 2008 is on display now through April 11. The SCC Student Art Exhibition will run April 21 through May 7.

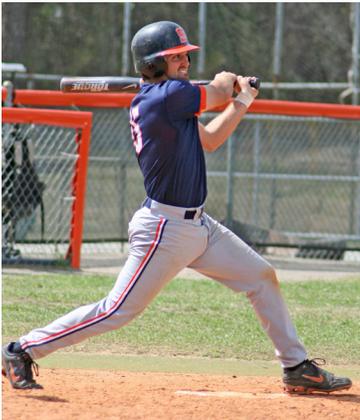
2. SCC's Financial Aid Office is ready and eager to help you with your financial aid needs, including help completing the application for the 2008-2009 FAFSA. (See "Get FAFSA Help" on page 2.) Pictured are (front, from left) Johnna Harrelson, loan specialist; Gloria Ivey, FA specialist; Patsy Pierce, administrative secretary III; Lisa Norris, processing assistant; Andrea Daniels, FA counselor; and (back), Glenn Hanson, director of FA.

3. SCC's Early College High School was awarded the American School Board Journal's Magna Award. Dr. Morgan Phillips, vice president of Curriculum Instruction, Dr. Kathy Matlock, president, and Al Phillips, dean of Business and Technology were proud to accept this national honor on behalf of the college.

4. Students, faculty and staff, and the public were treated to a Shakespearian arts-in-education program and an acting workshop by GlobeWorks, which is part of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival. It was made possible by the college's Clemmons Lecture Series, which is coordinated by Ray Mize, English instructor.

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Student Athletes Get into the Swing of Things at SCC!



scc rams scc lady rams



baseball



softball



college kudos

Congratulations to Dr. Sharyn Edwards!



Dr. Sharyn Edwards, piano instructor at Southeastern Community College, was recently honored with the naming of the college's annual Piano Festival and Competition during the festival's 30th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Edwards was praised for her passion for the piano and for all of the pianists, parents, friends and fans whom she has touched through teaching and through the annual festival. Beginning with next year's festival, it will be named the Dr. Sharyn Edwards Piano Festival and Competition, which is the longest running, college-sponsored piano festival in North Carolina.

During the surprise presentation SCC President Dr. Kathy Matlock said, "We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Sharyn Edwards at Southeastern Community College. Since her employment on August 28, 1979, she has prepared many students for careers in music through instruction and has delighted us with her concerts. She has accompanied the SCC Choir and has played at every graduation. Annually, she serves as the director of the Richard F. Burkhardt Fine and Performing Arts Series and the Piano Festival and Competition."

In recent years, Dr. Edwards has expanded the music programs at Southeastern to include strings and organ instruction and the Community Band.

"We are so fortunate to have Dr. Edwards as a member of our faculty. Music students, particularly piano students, have the opportunity of a lifetime to study under her tutelage, remarked Sue Hawks, executive dean of Institutional Advancement. "Even Ivy League colleges are envious of the expertise and talent that Dr. Edwards brings to Southeastern Community College. The Foundation underwrites the Richard F. Burkhardt Fine and Performing Arts Series, and the contacts that Dr. Edwards has with the entertainment industry assures the high quality of our series."

Dr. Edwards is a concert pianist who has performed throughout the eastern United States and abroad. She made her New York Debut in 1999 in Weill Hall, Carnegie Hall and has recorded two CDs. She has performed as piano soloist with the Wilmington, Charlotte and Charleston Symphony Orchestras. She has collaborated with other artists in Chamber Music Concerts and serves as the organist at Chadbourn Baptist Church.

Congratulations to Katherine Jenerette!



U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Katherine Jenerette, who teaches U.S. History and African American History as an adjunct instructor at Southeastern Community College, recently graduated from the U.S. Army's Airborne school at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Airborne officers are considered to be among the Army's most valuable combat officers. Airborne School is designed for those who possess the desire, motivation and courage to join the elite Paratroopers. Instruction emphasizes mental alertness and physical conditioning. It is one of the most physically demanding yet rewarding courses in the US Army.

Having successfully survived jump school, Jenerette graduated and was just awarded her Airborne wings at a ceremony at Ft. Benning. The Airborne wings are a mark of courage, daring and skill.

Jenerette is a U.S. Army veteran of the Persian Gulf War Operation Desert Storm, and she has served as a Field Representative for the 1st Congressional District, South Carolina. She currently is a Commissioned Officer serving in the U.S. Army Reserve. As an Army Paratrooper, she is assigned to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Jenerette has taught at Southeastern since 1996. Her classes have included Western Civilization, Critical Thinking, American History, and African American History.

LEARNING DAY

"Student Accomplishments & Talents Showcase"

April 29, 2008 • 10 a.m. - noon

• *fun activities that reduce stress, promote team work & laughter* •

Alternative Fuels (<i>Chemistry Students</i>)	In front of C-Building
ARIES (2007 Winter Edition)	Lobby of D-Building
Art Display & Sale (<i>Art Students</i>)	In front of G-Building
Batting Practice (<i>Baseball Players</i>)	Baseball Field
Blood Pressure Checks	In front of M-Building
Blood Typing, Color Blind Test & Skeletal System	In front of C-Building
Camping & Kayaking Demo. (<i>Parks & Natural Resource Mgmt. Students</i>)	In front of G-Building
Dart Board & Prizes (<i>Electrical Engineering Students</i>)	In front of B-Building
Drama Skit (<i>English Students</i>)	SCC Auditorium
Early Childhood Games (<i>Early Childhood Students</i>)	In front of G-Building
Early College High School Talents (<i>ECHS Students</i>)	Stage in front of Library
EMT & Rescue Vehicle	In front of Library
Financial Aid	In front of G-Building
Fingerprinting (<i>BLET Students</i>)	In front of G-Building
GIS for Water Quality (<i>Forestry Students</i>)	In front of G-Building
Hair Designs (<i>Cosmetology Students</i>)	B- to G-Buildings
JobLink Career Center Display	Near the Bell
Massage Therapy	In front of G-Building
Music, Bands & Karaoke	Stage in front of Library
Poetry Slam (<i>Creative Writing Club</i>)	SCC Auditorium
Popcorn Sales (<i>Phi Theta Kappa Students</i>)	In front of B-Building
Propagating Plants (<i>Agricultural Biotechnology Students</i>)	In front of C-Building
SCC Program Display	In front of G-Building
Speeches (<i>Speech Communication Students</i>)	In front of G-Building
Soccer Demonstration	Near M-Building
Yoga Demonstration	In front of G-Building

**Please contact Peggy Blackmon (R-Building) for more information.
642-7141, ext. 240 • pblackmon@sccnc.edu**

The SCC Website is loaded with useful information -- class schedules, inclement weather delay and cancellation information, office hours, online courses, SCC events, information about scholarships and grants, distance learning opportunities, online college catalog, and more. Log on at:

www.sccnc.edu

Academic Calendars

These calendars are subject to periodic review and revision.

Spring Session 2008

Advising & Registration.....	Jan. 3 (8am-7pm) & Jan. 4 (8am-noon)
Classes Begin.....	Jan. 7
First 7-Week Session	Jan. 7-March 3
Add Period.....	Jan. 7-9
Evening Registration.....	Jan. 7-10
Last Day to Drop w/o Grade....	10% of Course (See Instructor)
Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.	Jan. 21
Learning Day.....	Jan. 23
Faculty Workday.....	Feb. 18
Learning Day.....	Feb. 19
Second 7-Week Session.....	March 6-May 7
Faculty Workday.....	March 20
Holiday – Easter.....	March 21-March 24
Spring Break	March 25-29
Summer Early Reg./Fall Pre-registration.....	March 31-April 25
Last Day to Withdraw w/ "W" Grade (80% Point).....	April 14
Learning Days.....	April 29-30
Final Classes/Exam Period.....	May 1-7
End of Semester	May 7
Faculty Workdays.....	May 8-9
Graduation.....	May 9

Summer Session 2008

Summer Registration	May 20 (8 am-7 pm)
Classes Begin – First & Full Sessions	May 21
Holiday – Memorial Day	May 26
End of First Session	June 25
Classes Begin – Second Session	June 26
Fall Semester Early Registration.....	June 30-July 24
Holiday – Independence Day.....	July 3
End of Second & Full Sessions.....	July 31

When Is It Open?

Academic Skills Lab (M-Building)

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(Other hours available by appointment.)

Admissions & Counseling (A-121-125)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Basic Skills Lab (B-103)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bookstore

Monday & Tuesday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - noon

Cashier's Office (A-113)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Computer Lab (B-110)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Cosmetology Patron Services (B-128)

Walk-in Customers:

Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chemical Procedures 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Esthetics By Appointment Only:

(Manual facials, back cleansing, arching or waxing)
Tuesday & Wednesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2:45 p.m.

Financial Aid Office (A-132)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

JobLink Career Center (A-135)

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Library (L-Building)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Records/Registrar's Office (A-Building)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Student Activities Office (G-Building)

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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