

New employees spring into action



Gerald Price

Gerald Price was born in Wayne County. He is the Director of the Business and Industry Center.

Married to Carol Price, he has a son Josh who is a sophomore at UNC-Wilmington.

Price received his BS at Atlantic Christian College, (Barton College).

His most recent jobs were Director of Human Resources at Acme United Corp., Safety Director at O'Berry Center and Assistant Personnel Director/Safety Director at Borden Manufacturing Company.

"I am a 'people person.'" My life is built around my family, my God, and building and maintaining relationships.

Al Spraker

Network instructor Al Spraker was born in Kentucky.

He has a bachelor's degree in business, a master's degree in health services and two associate degrees.

His most recent job experience was a part-time instructor at Sampson Community College.

Spraker has a farm in Duplin County where he raises poultry and cattle. He is also a private pilot.



He is married to Carol who is an RN at Wayne Memorial and has two sons, Peter and Stephen.

Lea Thornton

Lea Thornton, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Case Manager, was born in Madrid, Spain.

She has been married for 23 years, has 2 children ages 22 and 17, and 2 grandchildren, one 3 years old and the other 5 months old.

Thornton was a 2001 honors graduate of WCC with an AAS Human Services Technology/Substance Abuse concentration.

"My most recent job experience was working as Americorp/VISTA at the Eastern Regional Vocational Rehabilitation while obtaining my college degree from WCC. My position at WCC involves working with 16-21 year-old youths who have returned to get their GED or high school diploma."

Thornton adds, "I like working with young adults. I keep an open mind, and I am easygoing and a good listener."

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Frances G. Dennis

Chemistry instructor Frances G. Dennis was born in Dayton, Ohio.

Dennis received her B.S. degree in chemistry at the College of Mt. St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio, and got a Ph. D. in organic chemistry at Ohio State University.

Dennis is active in the NC American Chemical Society, Polymer Discussion Group. She served as secretary from 1995 to 2000. Her most recent job experience was at Lord Corporation, Cary, NC.

She is married to Verl Dennis and has a dog named Shadow.

not pictured

Joe Swigert

Joe Swigert, instructor of aviation systems technology, was born in York, PA.

He graduated from WCC with a degree in aviation maintenance technology. He is married to Sherry.

His most recent job experiences were at Segrave Aviation, Kinston, NC; parts manager at Country Air Services, Farmville NC; aviation research and constructing and AMT Training.

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Shelboni L. Ramey

Recruiting Specialist Shelboni L. Ramey was born in Durham, NC. She was raised in Spain, California, Texas and South Carolina.

Ramey graduated from Cooper High School, Abilene Texas. She is a graduate of WCC with an associate degree in Human Services/Mental Health.

She is married to Darrell Ramey and has a son named Stacey and a pet parakeet named Angel.

Her recent job experiences were with NC Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation and Bio-Terrorism.

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