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NEW DEAN'S WELCOME

by Dr. Rita Rodabaugh

As the new Dean of Instruction, I want to offer the student body my words of support for your endeavors at Wilkes Community College. I, too, am a product of the North Carolina Community College System, and I recognize the many advantages of choosing a community college, especially one as excellent as Wilkes. Some of these advantages are evident—low cost, proximity to home, community focus and community involvement. However, for me the two most important features of the community college are the open door policy and the emphasis on teaching excellence.

The community college is the most democratic of all institutions of higher education, due in part to the open door policy. Anyone who has the motivation to attend college here can do so—which means that we have the widest variety of students found in any institution of higher education. Our students cover the range from those who graduated at the top of their high school class to those who did not finish; those who are taking only one class or are pursuing a 15-hour certificate to those who are planning to attend graduate school; those who are fresh out of high



school to those who have been out of the classroom for many years. Therefore, the community college classroom

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Through Freshmen Eyes!



Freshman Davina Williams Shares Perspectives From Freshman Eyes

I found WCC to be highly different from high school. The classes are shorter (in some cases), yet more intense. They are more flexible and fit with your schedules, instead of being hard-core, no compromise, no nonsense, set times. There are no bells! I might prefer a

bell system, so schedules and watches would be in synch. Students are given the responsibility of absorbing information as opposed to the spoon-fed version of most high schools. There is also a variety of resources for students who may need counseling, tutoring, or financial aid. There are many clubs and activities to get students involved at the college. What more could you ask for? Speaking of asking, here are some questions I've asked several of my fellow Freshmen:

Why do so many freshmen not make it as college students?

- Stress
- Poor study skills
- Financial pressure
- Poor psychological support

After a long break, what does it take for you to get back in the swing of things for school?

- Homework
- Family cooperation
- Class
- Tests

What are the most interesting jobs students keep to pay for school? What is good about them?

- Worked at Horn In The West - "Self-explanatory."
- Worked as a DJ - "You get to Rock and Roll."
- Worked as a waitress - "To meet different people."

Campus hangouts:

- Commons
- "The Tree"

