

Welcome to the New WCC Employees

Continued from page 4

for WCC. She also has prior experience as a biology teacher at North Wilkes High School and at Hickory High School. She also worked as a graduate assistant/lab instructor at Appalachian State University. She and her husband, Steve, live in Wilkesboro and have three-year-old twins, Trevor and Trent.



Vanya Green

Karen Staten has come to WCC from Naperville, Illinois, lead instructor of Communications. She previously worked as an English and communications instructor at



Karen Staten

the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Illinois. She also has experience teaching at both the elementary and high school levels. At WCC, she will also serve as advisor to Phi Theta Kappa.

Ms. Staten received her Ed.D. degree in developmental education from California Coast University in Santa Ana, California. She earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio, in teaching speech in secondary education and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union Institute

in Cincinnati, Ohio, in communication. Ms. Staten has a son, Nathan, who attends school in the Chicago area and a daughter, Rachel, who has moved with her to North Wilkesboro and is a student at WCC.

Joyce Minton is the new lead instructor in the Medical Assisting Program. She is a 1987 graduate of the Wilkes Community College Medical Assisting Program and received her credential as a Certified Medical Assistant in



Joyce Minton

1991 with re-certification in 1996. Prior to coming to work at Wilkes, Mrs. Minton was employed at Wilkes Regional Medical Center as Office Manager in the Rehab Services Department. She also has previous experience working with Wilkes Family Health Center in North Wilkesboro as a medical assistant. Joyce and her husband, Danny, have two children and live in the Champion community of Wilkesboro.

Tim Lackey has been employed as an



Tim Lackey

Architectural Technology instructor. Prior to coming to the college, he was an Industrial Technology teacher at Wilkes Central High School for 12 years and at Mooresville City

School for one year. While at Wilkes Central he also served as head baseball coach. A Wilkes County native, Mr. Lackey graduated from North Wilkes High School and received his Associate in Arts degree from Wilkes Community College. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology and Education from Appalachian State University. Tim lives in Wilkesboro with his wife, Melissa, and daughter, Courtney.

Ralph Joines of Brushy Mountain Road, Moravian Falls, has been employed as a grounds technician. Mr. Joines has experience in heavy equipment operation; lawn, tree and garden maintenance, landscape design; masonry and carpentry; installation of drainage systems and large truck operation. Prior to coming to work at WCC, Mr. Joines was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Northwestern Construction Company in Wilkesboro. (Picture Unavailable.)

Brenda Padgett has been employed as a custodian. Prior to coming to WCC she was employed with First Choice Maintenance Service in Millers Creek. Ms. Padgett is a



Brenda Padgett

graduate of Ben L. Smith High School in Greensboro, N.C. She and her husband, Donald, live in North Wilkesboro. They have two sons, Daniel and Spencer, and two grandchildren, Lauren and Noal, all of whom reside in Wilkes County.

Dean Johnson has been employed by WCC as a custodian. Mr. Johnson is a Wilkes County Native and attended North Wilkes High School. Prior to coming to work at Wilkes he was employed by Lowe's Companies Warehouse in North Wilkesboro as an order selector. He and his wife have one son and live in North Wilkesboro. (Picture Unavailable.)