



WCC Announces Top 3 Finalists in "Idol" Contest

The top 5 WCC Idol contestants (Farris Cloer, Hayden Eller, Kyesha Horton, Ryan Marlow & Clarissa Mattox) performed for the student body on Wednesday, October 1. These 5 contestants are definitely survivors because they have survived a round of auditions with the WCC Idol Judges and have also survived the first round of student voting that occurred on September 17. These 5 students wowed the crowd again with the outstanding talent that they displayed in front of a large crowd in the student center. However, the student body was given the responsibility of casting votes on who should make it to the top 3. The top 3 finalists are:

1. **Farris Cloer**, who is enrolled in the general occupational technology curriculum with plans to transfer to a dental hygiene program.
2. **Kyesha Horton**, who is enrolled in the business administration program.
3. **Ryan Marlow**, who is enrolled in the associate in arts program.

Look for these talented students to perform at 12 noon in the student commons on Wednesday, October 8 and the WCC Idol winner will be announced. Be sure to attend this exciting event which is showcasing some of the outstanding talent of WCC's student body.

A huge thanks is extended to the judges who have donated lots of time with this event. The judges for the contest are Paula Eller, business instructor; Randy Gambill, computer instructor/lab assistant; Deena Parsons, financial aid administrative assistant; and David Reynolds, drama instructor.

A special thanks is extended to WKBC's Steve Handy who is serving as the host for this show.

WCC Student Receives Horticulture Scholarships

Martha Hayes of Boone, NC, a student in the Wilkes Community College horticulture technology program, has been awarded two scholarships from North Carolina associations. Hayes is the recipient of scholarships from both the North Carolina Landscaper Association and the North Carolina Association of Nurserymen; each is in the amount of \$1,000. Only four people were chosen in the state to receive each of these scholarships. Recipients of the scholarships may attend any North Carolina two or four-year college or university full-time in the field of horticulture.

Hayes is transferring to North Carolina State University this fall where she will earn an undergraduate degree in horticulture. Upon graduation, she hopes to work in the field of horticultural therapy.

No stranger to the Raleigh campus, Hayes graduated from NC State in 1991 with a degree in accounting. After working in that field, she came to realize that she enjoyed working outside. She enrolled at Wilkes Community College a year ago, taking a couple of classes in the horticulture technology program. She soon came to realize that she was "hooked" and enrolled full-time in the program. She had hoped to continue toward a four-year degree in the field but, as money was tight, did not know how she would move on after graduating from WCC. The receipt of these scholarships will enable Hayes to receive her degree from NC State and reach her career goals.

Ronald Dollyhite, lead instructor in the horticulture technology program at WCC, stated about Hayes, "Martha is an excellent and deserving student, and we are very proud of her for receiving these scholarships. WCC students have received one of these scholarships in three of the past four years, and it speaks well of our students that they have been recognized in this way. Martha is a dedicated and energetic student and will do well at State. We wish her great success."

Anyone interested in learning more about the horticulture technology program at Wilkes Community College may call Ronald Dollyhite at 336-838-6281 or visit the college's web site at www.wilkescc.edu.