

Student Government Association Officers Elected At Wilkes Community College

The Wilkes Community College Student Government Association recently held officer elections for the 2006-2007 school year. The SGA officially represents the student body and is responsible for coordinating a variety of educational, social, community service and recreational events for students. The following people were elected to a position within the SGA.

Phil Marshall, elected president, is enrolled in the Human Services program and is from Wilkesboro. He served as the Vice President of Service for Phi Theta Kappa and was an assistant programming chairperson of the SGA during this school year. He is also a member of the Human Services Club.

Corina Brown, elected vice president, is enrolled in the General Occupational Technology program and is from Purlear.

Wesley Barker, elected programming chairperson, is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program and is from Warrensville. He served as an assistant programming chairperson of the SGA during this school year and is also a member of the Baptist Student Union.

Kenya Horton, elected programming chairperson, is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program and is from Ferguson.

Kyesha Horton, elected programming chairperson, is enrolled in the Early Childhood – Concentration in Teacher Associate program and is from Ferguson.

Tara Wolford, elected programming chairperson, is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program and is from Hamptonville. She is also a member of the Baptist Student Union.

Beth Morgan, elected sophomore senator, is enrolled in the Advertising and Graphic Design program and is from Millers Creek. She is also a member of the Baptist Student Union and the student newspaper staff.

Joshua Sparks, elected sophomore senator, is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program and is from Elkin. He is also a member of Phi Beta Lambda and the Baptist Student Union.



2006-2007 Wilkes Community College Student Government Association Officers: Left to right: Wesley Barker, programming chairperson; Joshua Sparks, sophomore senator; Phil Marshall, president; Tara Wolford, programming chairperson; and Corina Brown, vice-president. Not pictured: Kenya Horton, programming chairperson; Kyesha Horton, programming chairperson; and Beth Morgan, sophomore senator.

WCC's Ashe Center Celebrates Grand Opening

The Ashe Center of Wilkes Community College is celebrating the next phase of growth with the opening of the newly renovated facility. Renovations added a new wing of classrooms, a student commons area and an administrative complex.

Vice Chairman of the Ashe County Commissioners, Richard Blackburn, remarked that the completion of the renovations not only made the center beautiful but functional and allows the center to carry out its mission to the community. "The center opens doors to high quality, accessible educational opportunities," Blackburn stated. "Ashe County needs you—thank you for being there for us and we will certainly be available for you," he concluded.

WCC President Dr. Gordon Burns added that the goal of the renovations was to have the Ashe Center look like a college campus and that goal had been reached.

Student Government Association President, Rebecca Victoria, whose own dream of a college education is being

realized at WCC; remarked that everyone benefited from the growth and the students are grateful for the new facility. The Ashe Center of WCC is the number one user of the North Carolina Information Highway and the new cyberclassrooms, computer labs and industrial labs reflect the commitment to technology. These areas, as well as the auditorium, are available for public and business use when classes are not scheduled. Tom Roberts was the first director of the Ashe Center and is proud to see the future of the center is still strong. "We started on nothing," Roberts commented, "but we knew this could be." Roberts also noted that the county commissioners have offered support for the center since day one. The center's second director, Darrell Miller, observed that under each director's tenure, a new wing of the center was built. Chris Robinson, Director of the Ashe Center, expressed that the key to success is the dedicated faculty, staff and students who took the inconvenience of renovation in stride. Despite the headaches a major renovation causes, everyone at the Ashe Center remained supportive and optimistic about the future of their facility.

Dr. Burns echoed that sentiment saying, "We are not here to celebrate the building, but the people."



WCC Ashe Center ribbon cutting. Picture left to right: Rebecca Victoria, SGA President; Chris Robinson, director, Ashe Campus; Richard Blackburn, vice chairman, Ashe Board of Commissioners; Arnold Lakey (mostly hidden), WCC Trustee; Gerald Price, Ashe County Board of Commissioners; Dr. Burns; Dan McMillan, Ashe County Manager; Ray Triplett, WCC Trustee; Katrina Miller, WCC Trustee.