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David Jackson

Hard Work Builds A Bright Future

David Jackson of Four Oaks knows how to work. "I started working in a tobacco field when I was 7, and I got out when I was 17," he says. "Then I worked at Hardee's for 3 years, and as a computer lab assistant, as a clean-up assistant in a chemistry lab, as dormitory resident director, and as a billing clerk in a doctor's office!"

Today, at 24, David's hard work has paid off: he is a civil service employee with a GS-9 rating. He works with the Internal Revenue Service's Wilmington branch. His opportunities for advancement are good, and the government benefits are excellent.

David Jackson gives Johnston Community College a lot of credit for his success.

"When I was a senior at South Johnston High School there were 16 of us in the GT English class. Thirteen of the group knew exactly where they were going to college, but 3 of us didn't. I wasn't sure what I was going to do."

"I knew some Johnston Community College instructors who lived in Four Oaks, and I had heard the 'Tech' was a friendly place to get a good education. I also knew that I could live at home and keep my job at Hardee's while I was a student."

David decided to enter JCC's Business Data Processing program. He kept his full-time job at Hardee's and managed to carry a full-time schedule at school as well. In his second year he was on the Work-Study Program as an assistant in the College's computer lab. "There just weren't enough hours in the day!" he says of his schedule.

In 1984 he received an Associate in Applied Science degree in Business Data Processing from JCC.

But David's ambition had been sparked by the academic success he had experienced. He began to think of getting a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university.

Then David decided that he would take advantage of the fact that JCC offers freshman- and sophomore-level East Carolina University courses on the Smithfield campus. These courses would transfer to a four-year school to give him advanced

standing. He spent a year taking these transfer courses and working 50 to 60 hours a week at his two jobs.

In 1985 he entered N.C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount with enough credits to register as a senior. "It was my first time away from home: dormitory living was a wonderful learning experience," he says.

Wesleyan's financial aid office helped him secure loans, scholarships, and employment. For a while he worked cleaning test tubes and organizing supplies in a chemistry lab. Later, as a resident director of Nash Dormitory, he learned a great deal about working with people who came from a variety of backgrounds. "I probably learned as much from that job as a Resident Director as I did from my classes!" David asserts. He was also serving as chairman of Wesleyan's Judicial Board, a position that was very challenging. Later he worked for Dr. Robert Zipf, a pathologist at Nash General Hospital.

David finished at Wesleyan with a 3.89 Grade Point Average and graduated Summa Cum Laude. He earned a bachelor's degree with a triple major in Business Administration, Marketing, and Computer Information Systems.

He was offered a job as a revenue officer with the Internal Revenue Service in Wilmington. I.R.S. was impressed by the fact that he had worked his way through school and yet had maintained such high grades.

Needless to say, David's parents, Rufus and Irene Jackson, are very proud of their son. Rufus is a Four Oaks barber, and Irene worked in sewing plants such as Jerold and Shelda's Interiors until arthritis disabled her.

"My parents have always been supportive of my plans and ambitions," David says. "They encouraged me to plan my future, but they told me to take my time. They never put me under any pressure."

"JCC gave me a chance to study, to work, and to live at home until I was ready to move on," he says. "I really don't know where I'd be today if the 'Tech' hadn't been there to get me started!"

David Jackson's future looks very bright.

I Want To Be A JCC Student - What Do I Do Now?

Q: I want to be a JCC student. What do I do NOW?

A: Call 934-3051 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or on Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ask for the STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE.

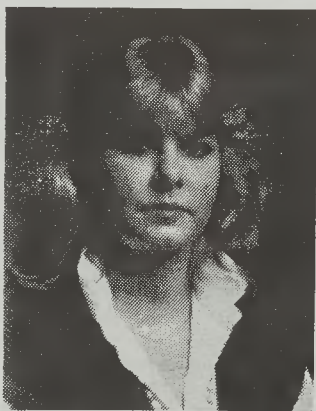
Q: I'm confused! JCC seems to offer so many courses on so many different levels. Can you help me to understand?

A: Look at it this way. JCC tries to respond to the educational needs of ALL the adults in Johnston County. These needs vary a great deal, so what JCC teaches ranges from very basic courses designed for adults who have less than an eighth-grade education to courses for adults who already hold academic degrees. Some programs lead to diplomas, some to certificates, some to associate degrees--it depends on what you want to study. Of course, sometimes people

take courses simply because they want to learn a skill - they have no intention of earning a diploma, certificate or degree, and that's O.K. too! Whatever you want to study and for whatever reason, JCC will try to place you in an appropriate class. Well-trained counselors in the Student Affairs Office are available to help you find the right place for you to learn new skills!

Q: How much does it cost to go to JCC?

A: Tuition and fees for N.C. residents who are full-time students in Vocational, Technical and General Education programs are \$82.00 per quarter. Part-time students' fees are pro-rated. Textbooks are not included in these fees. NO FEES ARE CHARGED to students enrolled in Adult Basic Education courses. All books and materials are supplied without charge. Adult High School classes have NO REGISTRATION FEE.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS

Student government leaders for the 1988-89 school year were recently elected at Johnston Community College. Pictured are (left to right): Pamela LeNeave of Rt. 2, Newton Grove, a business administration major, president; and Vicky Williford of Garner, a nursing education major, vice president.

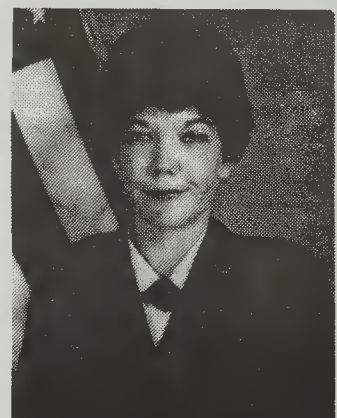
Sergeant Sharon Perry Earns Air Force Medal

Sergeant Sharon L. Perry, daughter of Andrew D. Perry of Selma, has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal at Shaw Air Force Base, SC.

Sergeant Perry received an associate degree in Business Administration from JCC in 1981.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Sergeant Perry is a personnel specialist at Headquarters, 3rd Weather Squadron. She is a 1978 graduate of North Johnston High School.



Sgt. Sharon Perry