

# CAREERS

## Briefs



Judge Marvin Arrington with Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Beverly Hall and Earl Graves.

### Students receive judge's book

ATLANTA — Students from six Atlanta public schools have received a gift from Earl Graves, founder of "Black Enterprise" magazine and Fulton County Superior Court Judge Marvin S. Arrington Sr.

One thousand copies of Arrington's new book, "Making My Mark: the Story of a Man Who Wouldn't Stay in His Place," were presented to participants in school- and court-sponsored life-changing programs. Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Beverly L. Hall was on hand to accept the copies during a student assembly on Dec. 10 at Booker T. Washington High School. The event was hosted by The Freedom Writers, a mentoring program sponsored by Kilpatrick Stockton law firm.

The book is a testament of what happens when hard work and perseverance meet tenacity and optimism.

In 1969, through his own hard work and determination, Arrington became the youngest person ever elected to the Atlanta Board of Aldermen, which later became the Atlanta City Council. During Judge Arrington's nearly 30-year tenure on the Atlanta City Council, he served as city council president numerous times and remained fiercely devoted to being a voice for the voiceless: the elderly, the disadvantaged, the homeless, and others. Today, Marvin Arrington is a distinguished judge on the Fulton County Superior Court.

### Duke Energy grant will help FTCC pay for new center

Forsyth Technical Community College has received a \$249,439 grant from Duke Energy to help finance an analytical training center as part of the BioNetwork Pharmaceutical Center.

The training center, which is under construction at a building in Piedmont Triad Research Park, is scheduled for completion in January and will include a suite of offices, a classroom and a specialized chemistry laboratory. The Duke Energy funds are being used to furnish the lab with the advanced equipment used for quality control and other purposes by life sciences companies and pharmaceutical companies.

"This will allow us to train students, and employees of companies, on equipment that community colleges don't have," said Marick Fletcher, project coordinator at the BioNetwork Pharmaceutical Center. "Our mandate is statewide, and this training will be available to community colleges, universities and industry."

People who receive training there will work with the same equipment, and the same constraints and conditions they will encounter in the life sciences industry workplace. The first classes at the new training center are slated for February 2009.

The grant from Duke Energy is the third made to Forsyth Tech since the company initiated its Community and Technical College Grant Program in 2004.

### Jamba Juice has black president/CEO

EMERYVILLE, Calif. — Jamba, Inc., owners of the popular Jamba Juice chain of smoothie shops, has announced the appointment of James White as its president and CEO and as a member of its board of directors. White was slated to start Dec. 1.

White was most recently Senior Vice President of Consumer Brands at Safeway, Inc., a publicly-traded Fortune 100 food and drug retailer. While at Safeway, he was most recently responsible for consumer brands operation spanning 35 different categories, including expanding private label into higher quality, premium priced categories. In addition, White developed a robust pipeline of innovation including the launches of O Organic foods and Eating Right brands at Safeway. Mr. White also held the position of Senior Vice President of Business Development, North America, for The Gillette Company. At Gillette, he played a critical role in implementing company-wide global quality and service transformation and was responsible for supporting the North American businesses. Mr. White also served in executive positions at Nestle Purina and began his career at The Coca-Cola Company.

"I am very excited about joining the Jamba team and working with Steve and the board to drive performance improvement. While there are clearly challenges ahead, I feel that Jamba is a world-class brand with unique growth and extension opportunities," stated White.



White

## Local Target, Staples fined for over pricing

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Six retail stores in the Triad recently paid fines to the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Standards Division for excessive price-scanning errors.

The agency periodically conducts unannounced inspections of a business' price-scanner system to check for accuracy between the prices advertised and the prices that ring up at the register. If a store has more than a 2 percent error rate on overcharges, inspectors discuss the findings with the store manager and conduct a more intensive follow-up inspection at a later date. Undercharges are also reported, but do not count against a store.



Penalties are assessed if a store fails the follow-up inspection. In addition to the penalties paid, the store will be subject to re-inspection every 60 days from the last inspection until it meets the 2-percent-or-less rate. Additional penalties may be assessed if the store fails a re-inspection.

In Winston-Salem, the Staples stores on Hanes Mill Road and the Target on University Parkway were fined.

The Staples store paid \$700 in civil penalties after two inspections found excessive price-scanning errors. An inspection in May revealed a 10 percent error rate, based on five overcharges of 50 randomly selected items. An inspection in July found 15 overcharges out of 300 items, an error rate of 5 percent.

Target paid a \$1,720 fine, the third penalty paid by the store. Previous penalties paid were \$1,335 in May and \$1,505 in August. During a fourth visit, inspectors found an error rate of 2.33 percent in October based on seven overcharged items out of 300. The initial error rate was 8 percent in March, followed by an error rate of 2.67 in May and August.

Stores such as CVS, K-Mart and Dick's Sporting Goods in Greensboro and other Triad cities and towns were also cited and fined for the excessive pricing errors.

## Teachers give Meadowlark high marks

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Meadowlark Elementary is the only school in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County to receive recognition from the state for excellent teacher working conditions and student learning conditions.

In all, 15 North Carolina schools were recognized based on the results of the 2008 Teacher Working Conditions Survey, which more than 104,000 educators from every public school in the state completed.

The online, anonymous survey gives teachers the opportunity to share their opinions on professional development, facilities and resources, school leadership, use

of time and teacher empowerment in their schools and school districts.

The survey helps shape state education policy, strengthen classroom working conditions and enhance the learning environment for students. Survey results were released last week during the North Carolina Teacher Working Conditions Conference in Cary.

Also at the conference, Governor-elect Beverly Perdue recognized Meadowlark and the 14 other schools with the Real D.E.A.L. (Dedicated Educators, Administrators & Learners) award for demonstrating excellent working and learning conditions.

"Six years ago, we administered the first Teacher Working

Conditions Survey to make sure when educators speak, North Carolina listens," said Gov. Mike Easley. "Each year, participation has increased and teachers have shared valuable opinions that have shaped policy, improved student learning and secured North Carolina's position as a leader in education innovation."

In 2002, North Carolina became the first state in the nation to implement a teacher working conditions survey. Today, more than 20 states have implemented similar initiatives and in 2007, the national magazine Education Week named the survey as an indicator of quality on state education report cards.

## WINNING SMILES

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Gold-medal winning Olympic gymnast Shawn Johnson distributes Crest toothpaste during an event in Chicago sponsored by Feeding America, a leading food bank network. Crest has made a \$1 million product donation to help those who cannot buy toothpaste with food stamps. Per a recent American Dental Association study, lower income families are at a greater dental health risk; therefore, basic dental health care is more important than ever.



## Grant to help A&T increase media diversity

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

North Carolina A&T State University's effort to increase racial diversity in the profession of journalism has received some big-name financial support.

A&T-based The Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies' One Society Journalism Program was recently awarded a \$254,500 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which was founded by the Microsoft chairman and his wife.

The One Society Journalism Program will provide student journalists with an opportunity to sharpen their reporting and writing skills by working side-by-side with professional journalists on stories that explore the continuing relevance of the 1968 Kerner Commission warning that "our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

The Institute has published a number of ground breaking reports since its creation in 2001, including an assessment of the historic Kerner Report published 40



Noted writer DeWayne Wickham founded the Institute.

years ago by the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

Over the next two years, the One Society program will focus on two problems that play a major role in keeping the threat of "two societies" alive: the education achievement gap and the nation's segregated housing patterns. Teams of black journalists, journalism students and academics will report and research these vexing problems and ferret out the best ideas about how our nation can overcome them.

"This grant makes it possible for the institute to investigate what causes the creation of this nation's segregated housing patterns and its connection to the troubled state of many racially-isolated public schools," said Institute Founder/Director DeWayne Wickham. "Forty years after the Kerner Commission warned of the danger of a racially-divided society, that threat is all too real for many public school children. As journalists, we want to know why? And this grant gives us the resources to pursue an answer to this question."



Jacquelyn S. Fetrow

## New dean named at WFU

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Jacquelyn S. Fetrow has been appointed dean of the undergraduate school of arts and sciences at Wake Forest University. She will begin her new position on Jan. 1.

Fetrow, the school's Reynolds Professor of Computational Biophysics, was announced as the new dean by Provost Jill Tiefenthaler during a Dec. 8 faculty meeting. She will retain her Reynolds professorship.

Fetrow came to Wake Forest in 2003. She holds concurrent faculty appointments with the Wake Forest School of Medicine and the university's School of Biomedical Engineering and Science, a joint program between Wake Forest and Virginia Tech.

From 1999 to 2003, she was co-founder, chief scientific officer and director of GeneFormatics Inc. in San Diego. Her responsibilities included overseeing all scientific research and development operations of the company.

Previously, Fetrow was associate professor and visiting scientist in the Department of Molecular Biology at The Scripps Research Institute in California. She held associate professor and assistant professor positions in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY). At Albany, Fetrow received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the President's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Fetrow has also been recognized for excellence in teaching at Wake Forest. She received the Innovative Teaching Award in 2006 from Wake Forest's Center for Teaching and Learning.

Fetrow said that Wake Forest's dedication to the highest standards in teaching and research played a big part in her decision to seek the leadership role in the College.

"Wake Forest puts education of the student first and foremost; to me this is the primary mission of higher education," said Fetrow, who recently chaired a committee developing a strategic plan for the College.