Scholarship will help legally blind student enter the architecture field

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

"Sammy" Samantha Holsinger may be 'legally blind, but that has not stopped her from pursuing a profession - architectural technology - that most people with her disability would not consider. She is particularly interested in ecofriendly, sustainable design.

Holsinger, the first recipient of the Frank L. Blum-Construction Company Scholarship for Construction Trades, is currently on disability, but looks forward to the not-toodistant future when she can support herself. She expects to graduate in May 2009 from Forsyth Technical Community College with an associate's degree in architectural technology. She currently earns straight A's in the program, which involves intensive use of AutoCAD software to produce threedimensional images of a project.

The Frank L. Blum. Construction -Company Scholarship for the Construction Trades was established at Forsyth Tech in 2008 by Frank L. Blum Construction Company, a Triad commercial contractor, to celebrate its 85th anniversary. One recipient will be designated each year; the scholarship will pay full tuition and fees through the duration of the program as long as the student maintains good academic standing. The company established a scholarship at similar Guilford



Blum Construction President Drew Hancock with Samantha "Sammy" Holsinger.

Community College, when the first recipient will bel selected this semester.

Creativity is apparently in Holsinger's DNA. Her grandmother was a trained architect, except for taking the final exam, and designed her family's adobe house in Mexico, where Holsinger remembers playing as a young girl. Holsinger plans to follow in her grandmother's footsteps by designing a house for her

Holsinger also holds a bachelor of fine arts degree in creative writing from St. College in Andrews Laurinburg, N.C. She still enjoys writing in her spare time and has written poetry and fiction.

"I have things written, but not published - yet. I will one day," .Holsinger said. In the meantime, she is serving as president of the Forsyth Tech Writing Club, which meets on Wednesday

house. Meetings are open to the public, she was quick to add.

graduation. After Holsinger will be looking for employment, probably in a small, close-knit design firm where she can be mentored - ideally by someone who is also interested in ecofriendly projects. She is especially interested in designing 'residential and community buildings such as-schools, churches, playgrounds and libraries:

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and her fiancé as well. nights at Chelsea's coffee New Beginnings" for local AARP

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The Forsyth Chapter # 1797 of AARP has adopted theme Beginnings" for the year 2009. "New Beginnings" will include: a new meeting location, new meeting time and a new program/project

Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at

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from 12 -1:30 p.m. This is a new meeting time that will provide a more flexible schedule for persons who are working to attend meetings/programs during the traditional lunch period.

The program for the month of January will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13. The program will emphasize the benefits of an AARP membership. The guest Health

speaker will be Robert "Bob" Jackson: AARP Carolina State North Director.

A variety of community service programs and projects will be undertaken during the year that will represent the chapter's motto, "To Serve, and Not to Be Served." They will include: A Red Cross Blood Drive; a Fair; CarFit

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Local Hampton alumni celebrate the holidays

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Members of the Winston-Salem Alumni Chapter of University Hampton enjoyed fun and food at their annual Christmas dinner at the Piedmont Club on Dec.

It is the mission of the chapter to perpetuate the Hampton of . University through service to the community, recruitment of qualified students and fostering the bonds of friendship, fellowship and among Hamptonians.

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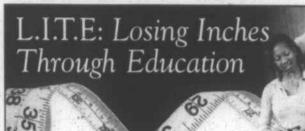
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