

# CAREERS

## Briefs

### Truliant holding grant session

Truliant Federal Credit Union will hold a mini-grant session on Wednesday, May 4 from 2-3 p.m. at the Truliant Federal Credit Union Fred J. Sarda Pavilion Building, 3200 Truliant Way. At the session, agencies will learn how to qualify for the mini-grants.

With grants, Truliant seeks to support community and faith-based nonprofit organizations

**TRULIANT** Federal Credit Union port and/or economic development in

"underserved" communities where Truliant serves its members.

To qualify, agencies must impact one or more of the following areas: health or human services, youth, affordable housing, financial literacy or economic development.

The grant cycle will run from May 15 to July 1, 2011. Grant applications may be picked up at the session or at one of the following Truliant Member Financial Centers: 893 Liberty St.; 7780 North Point Blvd.; 500 West Fifth St.; 500 Pineview Dr. Suite 117; and 4100 Clemmons Road. For more information or to RSVP, email marjorie.rorie@truliantfcu.org.

### Ellis named A&T vice chancellor

North Carolina A&T State University Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr., has appointed Barbara J. Ellis as vice chancellor for the Division of Information Technology/CIO. The N.C. A&T Board of Trustees confirmed Ellis' appointment today at its regular meeting. Ellis has served as interim vice chancellor since April 21, 2010.

"Over the past year, Barbara Ellis has proven to be a superb technology leader and has utilized her expertise to enhance the university's technology communications infrastructure," said Martin.

Under her leadership, significant accomplishments have been made including IT audit remediation and the implementation of a new HR payroll infrastructure.

Ellis has over 30 years of experience in the information technology industry including sales operations, service management, finance, information technology strategy and implementation and business process transformation.

Prior to coming to A&T, Ellis formerly served as interim chief information officer for North Carolina Central University. In addition, she has had an extensive career at IBM.

Ellis received a B.S. degree in business education from A&T and an M.B.A. in management from Pace University's Lubin School of Business.



Ellis

### Haggai to give UNCG's commencement address

Thomas S. Haggai, business executive and motivational speaker, will give the spring commencement address for The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

UNCG's commencement ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, in the Greensboro Coliseum. Approximately 2,600 students are expected to graduate.

Haggai, who will also receive an honorary degree at commencement, has been the chief executive officer and president of IGA, Inc. since 1986. He also serves as a director of Davids Limited, Australia, and has served as a director of Super Food Services, Inc. since 1971. He has been a lecturer, author and radio commentator since 1976.

In 1963, Haggai founded the THA (Thomas Haggai and Associates) Foundation with 250 national business and professional leaders. The Foundation awards college scholarships to non-traditional students returning to school to earn certification as elementary school teachers.

### Harrill wins award

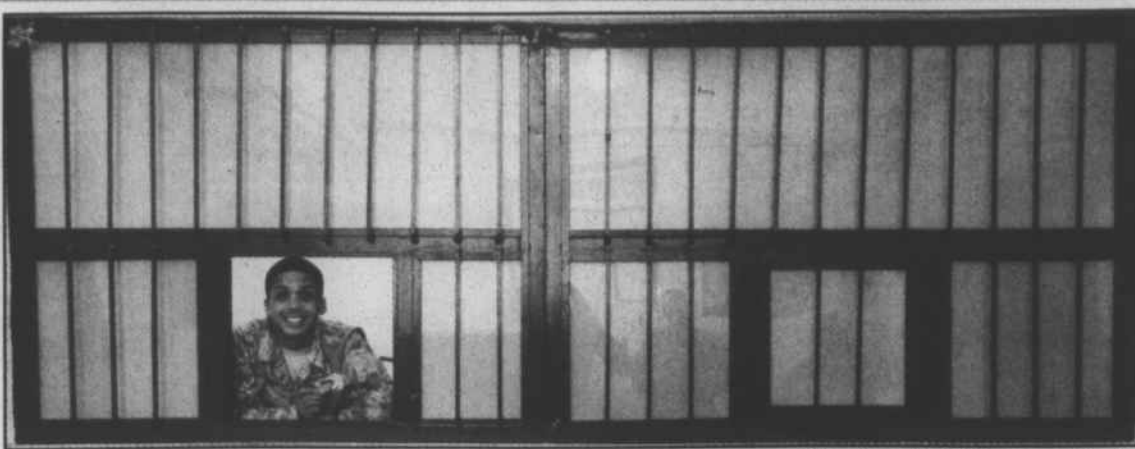
Linda Harrill, president and CEO of Communities In Schools of North Carolina (CISNC), was awarded the Razor Walker Award for educational administration Monday night from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington's Watson School of Education.

Established in 1993, the Razor Walker Awards are an annual celebration of the efforts, achievements and contributions of individuals who believe so strongly that our children are our most precious resources. These individuals' determination, vision and sacrifice have influenced the lives of young people throughout the state. The awards are presented to five to seven individuals each year.

Tannis Nelson, former president of the N.C. PTA, nominated Harrill for the award. In her nomination she stated, "Linda has served as a role model to thousands of kids, urging that if you believe in what you are doing, get the right people to support your vision and commit to stay the course through good times and bad, you will succeed."



Harrill



Senior Airman Jon-Nicos Walker holds an Eagle Cash Card inside of a cashier's cage at a Contingency Operating Site in Marez, Iraq.

## Burlington native takes care of money matters for soldiers at war

BY STAFF SGT. R. MICHAEL LONGORIA  
9TH AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY TASK FORCE

Senior Airman Jon-Nicos Walker has seen many of Iraq's nooks and crannies.

Airman Walker is a military pay technician assigned to the Air Force Financial Management Detachment 2 at Contingency Operating Site Marez near Mosul, Iraq. To date, he has helped more than 11,000 service members with various pay related issues including more than 900 Eagle Cash Card loads totaling \$270,000 and processing more than 850 military pay transactions with 99 percent accuracy. In addition, he has settled countless overdue travel reimbursements valuing more than 25,000.

"This is my first time overseas and I'm glad to be serving in the role that I am," said the Burlington native. "Most people in my career field, when deployed, are usually stuck in an office all day, while I get to travel on a weekly basis."

The 23-Airmen in Financial Management

detachment are responsible for 17 locations. The detachment is also a test base for getting U.S. currency off of the battlefield.

The mobile finance team travels to the various forward operating bases and checkpoints across northern Iraq to process pay transactions, hand out Iraqi dinar and answer any pay related questions.

"I've disbursed a lot of dinar," Airman Walker said. "The reason behind it is because using the U.S. dollar here isn't giving the Iraqi economy a chance to grow. This gives them a chance to build up what they have as opposed to counting on us and our dollar."

Airman Walker - who is deployed from the 319th Comptroller Squadron at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. - travels to locations where the Soldiers don't have most of the life support functions or amenities that other sites have like a base exchange or post office.

"They are outside working all day," he said. "So, it's good that we are here so they can bring

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## FCAE elects new leaders

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The Forsyth County Association of Educators has a new leadership team.

Ann Petitjean, a first-grade teacher at Walkertown Elementary School, has been elected the organization's new president. She replaces Tripp Jeffers.

Other leaders include:

Nadine Burgess of Atkins High, the new high school director; Nancy Holmes of Southeast Middle, the middle school director; Alma Cruz of Ashley Elementary, the educational support professional director; and Allison Smith-Poulin of Petree Elementary, the beginning educator director. An elementary school director will be announced at a later date, according to the FCAE. Each member of the leadership team will serve a two-year term.

According to a press release, there was a great deal of competition in races for leadership posts and many of the final counts were very close.

Returning to the Board for their second years are: Vice President Denise McCoy of Konnoak Elementary; Secretary Stephanie Wallace of East Forsyth; Yvonne Williams of Parkland High; Jett Whitmer of Paisley Middle; Valorene Young of Ashley Elementary; Paul Luper of Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools Maintenance Department; and Political Action Director Dr. Willie Stevens of Brunson Elementary.



Petitjean



McCoy

## An Allegacy Legacy

Allegacy Photo  
Allegacy President/CEO W. K. Keener Jr., and Betty Ann Falkner, Allegacy's executive assistant, helped to dedicate a memorial garden last week at Allegacy's 10-acre headquarters at 1691 Westbrook Plaza Drive. The garden is dedicated to Allegacy employees and board members who have passed away. Keener and Falkner are holding a plaque bearing the names of deceased members of the Allegacy family: employees Alesia Turner, Betty Ana Larson, Carl Hicks, Joni Black, Keri Still, Pat Towe, Ron George and Tom Stockton and Board Members Dave Monk, Fred Hauser, Joyce Reed and Lorraine Nowicki.



## Lowes rebuilding storm-ravaged store

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Lowe's Companies Inc. says it will rebuild its store in Sanford in the same location. The store suffered significant damage following a tornado on Saturday, April 16. The store is expected to reopen to customers during the fall.

In the meantime, employees from Lowe's of Sanford have been placed at Lowe's stores in: Pittsboro, Cary, Fayetteville, Chapel Hill, Southern Pines, Smithfield, Clayton, Erwin, Apex,



Mebane, Laurinburg and Durham. In an effort to make certain employees to and from their

temporary workplace.

"We appreciate the outpouring of support and encouragement from Sanford residents and surrounding communities," said Jeff Blocker, Lowe's regional vice president of stores. "Our employees realize how fortunate we are to live and work in this caring community. Lowe's is committed to rebuilding and serving our customers once again and we look forward to our re-grand opening in the next few months."

## Energy Star honors go to local companies

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

A number of area companies were honored with the 2011 Energy Star from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

In all, 19 companies in the Southeast received the honors for demonstrating leadership and commitment in protecting American's health and the environment through energy efficiency achievements.

Nationally, the 111 Energy Star partners include manufacturers, retailers, public schools, hospitals, real estate companies and home builders.

Salisbury-based Food Lion; Lowe's Companies in Mooresville; and Southern Energy Management, also of Mooresville, were honored in the "Sustained Excellence" category for those who have continued to exhibit leadership year after year in the Energy Star program while remaining dedicated to environmental protection through energy efficiency.

"Partner of the Year" winners, for companies that promote Energy Star products and practices in their own operations and provide efficient products and services to consumers within their community, include Winston-Salem-based Hanesbrands Inc. and Charlotte's Electrolux Major Appliances.

Winston-Salem's Nationwide Marketing Group earned an Energy Star "Excellence" award for a specific activity for promoting energy-efficient products, homes or buildings, helping to expand the reach of the Energy Star program.



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