

WCC Students Receive Awards at Charlotte Food Show

Wilkes Community College food service management students recently returned from the North Carolina Restaurant Association's 1994 Carolina Food Service Exposition which was held in Charlotte, NC March 21-24.

Three WCC students' entries in the pastry division earned them each a medal. Penny Woodard, a sophomore from Creston, NC, won a silver medal as did freshman Amanda Marze from Crumpler, NC. Christina Reynolds, a sophomore from Ronda, NC won a bronze medal.

Each student had to choose from a list and select two items from the list in order to qualify for the competition. The WCC students each chose to make a cake plus four cookies to meet the requirement for their division. All five items were judged as one entry.

Penny Woodard entered a Champagne Wedding/Anniversary Cake. The cake contained three layers of vanilla cake with champagne color butter cream icing with rolled fondant which gave it a smooth look. A draped ruffle was applied to the side of the cake and attached with small bows.

The cookies in Ms. Woodard's entry included an ice box cookie called checkerboards; brandy snaps; Les Langues-de-Chat (Cat's Tongues); and Les Gigarettes.

Amanda Marze entered a Golden Sponge Cake consisting of three layers of creamery butter cake with rolled fondant icing and marzipan decoration. A large bow adorned the center with ribbon woven along the edge. The cake had a white icing with peach colored accent.

Ms. Marze's cookies included two varieties of almond macaroons decorated with marzipan, shortbread cookies with raspberry filling and Italian meringues dipped in chocolate.

Bronze medal winner, Christina Reynolds entered a Chocolate Groom's Cake. It was decorated with chocolate rolled fondant butter cream icing and garnished with pink marzipan flowers on top and a matching braided marzipan rope at the base.

Ms. Reynolds chose to make chocolate candies for the second portion of her entry. She made chocolate butterflies from white and dark chocolate piped on plastic wings and shaped like butterflies; chocolate almond nuggets; kirsch ganache truffles rolled in cocoa; and grand marnier ganache truffles rolled in almonds.

In May, these students will attend the National Restaurant Food Show in Chicago, IL with 12 classmates and approximately five chaperones. The Chicago show is the country's largest trade show. While in Chicago, the students will experience a first class hotel and gourmet restaurants. The experience is helpful for their careers as they can see how world class establishments operate.

The Charlotte show and the Chicago show are all-expense paid trips and are funded by Ye Host Club, the food service management department's club. Ye Host Club earns money through projects that include selling concessions at the annual Merle Watson Festival, a weekly catering job at a local church, and the college's June Dairy Month celebration in which they are also responsible for concessions.

WCC Students Recognized Month of Career Services For Students

Members of the Wilkes Community College honors fraternity, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), recently received the Most Distinguished Chapter Award at the PTK International Convention in Anaheim, CA. WCC was one of only twenty PTK chapters receiving this prestigious award. There are over 1,000 PTK chapters worldwide.

The award was given in recognition for the work done by PTK students at WCC. Students submitted work on various topics and in a variety of formats. Four students, Bruce Monks, Connie Pruitt, Anita Blackburn, and Brent Triplett combined to write essays on scholarship, fellowship, leadership and service. Robert Woodside submitted a poem, Jerald Weaver also wrote an essay, Ted Leads composed an original musical score and Ray Hill submitted a painting.

According to Mr. Monks, chapter president, over 100 hours of work went into this year's effort. "Each student used his or her talent to contribute to the overall chapter presentation," Monks said.

Chapter members, Jason Maloney and Don Whitten, traveled to the international convention to represent the chapter. At the convention, they attended workshops, took part in a political debate between Senator George McGovern and Edwin Meese, III, and heard addresses by author Ray Bradberry and Dr. Joyce Brothers.

The WCC chapter had earlier received recognition at a regional PTK convention in Charleston, SC. The chapter was awarded The Most Improved Chapter Award and receive a Five Star Rating.

WCC President Jim Randolph stated that he was very proud of the members of the college's PTK chapter. He also recognized the hard work of the chapter sponsors, Drs. Jo Hendrix and Barbara Holt.

Mr. Monks is from Ronda, NC and is enrolled in the Nursing Program. Ms. Pruitt is from North Wilkesboro and majoring in Early Childhood. Ms. Blackburn is a College Transfer major from Purler. Mr. Triplett is from Wilkesboro and a Associate in Science major. Mr. Woodside's major is Pre-Computer Science. He is from Wilkesboro. Mr. Weaver is a College Transfer major from McGrady. Mr. Leads is from Jonesville, NC and majoring in Associate in Science. Mr. Hill is from Wilkes County, majoring in Business Administration (Accounting). Mr. Maloney is from Wilkes County and is a freshman pre-law student. Mr. Whitten is from Memphis, TN and is a Sophomore Nuclear Engineering major.

Wilkes Community College is planning several career related events for students this month that could very well help them find the job they are looking for.

The first event was a Career Day for criminal justice students and basic law enforcement training (BLET) students on Tuesday, April 12 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at the Walker Center located on the WCC campus.

Betty Brame, director of cooperative education and job placement training, said that over 25 law enforcement agencies was represented. The agencies came from Wilkesboro, Lenoir, Charlotte, Greensboro, Statesville, Boone, Chapel Hill, and Hickory in addition to many other cities.

Ms. Brame said, "The students found all the information that they needed in terms of salaries and job availability. Representatives from the agencies set up booths allowing students the opportunity to talk with them and leave resumes, if they so desired.

In addition to the 25 law enforcement agencies, Gardner-Webb University was also represented. Gardner-Webb, located in Boiling Springs, NC, offers a four-year criminal justice program which is open to WCC's college transfer students.

Criminal justice instructor, Michael Archenbronn, was on hand to answer questions about WCC's Professional Advancement through College Education (PACE) program. The PACE program is a night program for those desiring a college degree in criminal justice, but unable to attend day classes.

The second event for career advancement is Career Week, April 25 through April 29. During these sessions, students report to the assigned classrooms and are visited by area professionals from their fields. Students attending the sessions will learn about the job outlook for their profession, hiring practices of the firms represented, skills required, salary ranges, employee benefits, and ways to succeed and get ahead on the job. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes with them.

The first session, for building construction students, was held on Monday, April 25 from 8:00 am until 10:00 am in Lovette Hall, Room 518.

On Tuesday, April 26 there was a session for business and computer-

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Speaking of Technology

Language changes daily, and one of the greatest contributors to this trend is technology. Acronyms, words, and phrases evolve overnight; much of language is younger than those who speak it. Consider a few constituents of English that have only been uttered forty (more or less) years. Near the end of the 1950's a new organization was formed that would prove to be the forefront of technological exploitation; **laser** is a new addition to our language, but we already prefix other new terms with laser to identify even newer technology. We speak of **laser disks**, **laser holograms**, **laser transits**, and **laser printers**. We have **microwave ovens**, and **nuclear reactors**; we have **particle accelerators**, and we have **digital audio sys-**

tems. We stretch the ability of science fiction to entertain us with **technobabble**. Now we speak of **N.A.S.A.** from the late 1950's) as matter-of-factly as an apple; speaking of which, an **Apple®** is not an **IBM®**, is not a **Nintendo®** (...is not an apple) -- it's a **microcomputer**. We speak of microcomputers as if the Magna Carta were drafted on one (the first personal computers were built in the 1970's). With computers come a plethora of new terms. Just to list a few: **RAM**, **ROM**, **CD-ROM**, **VGA**, **microprocessors**, **object-oriented programs**, **LAN**, and **WAN**. Yes, technology changes things, and one of the most noticeable changes is our conversation.