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Wilkes Community College

Human Services Student, Tonya Oliver, Is A True Leader!

By Crystal Miller

Tonya Oliver is to be commended. She is a full time student enrolled in the Human Services program. Tonya is the president of the Human Services Club and is very active in the club's activities. She coordinates many of the club's various fundraisers and is a voice for its many members. Tonya is a leader and likes to see that things get done.

Outside of her busy school life, Tonya is a mother as well as the Neighborhood Service Coordinator for the N. Wilkesboro Department of Housing and Community Development. She devotes endless hours to the residents of public housing. Tonya assist these residents in obtaining services made available through public agencies. Her primary focus is to keep the children who live in these communities busy and off the streets. She coordinates activities in the summer while the children are out of school. These include arts and crafts, story time, and anything that children find fun and interesting. Tonya is also responsible for the first Drug Awareness Program in the Wilkes Public Housing Department. Her Anti-Drug Rally and effort to clean up the community have been accredited with the significant decrease in drug-related arrests and drug-related crime in the public housing areas. Her goal is to eliminate the stereotypical image that subsidized housing has carried for so many years. She would like the public to know that these are good neighborhoods filled with good people. Tonya has exceeded the expectations of her job by expressing her many creative ideas for the youth in the community. She is also responsible for organizing a Big Brother program with the North Wilkesboro Police Department for children who need a friend.

Tonya has brought smiles and cheer to the community, and she takes pride in her efforts to improve the living conditions of the residents of public housing. Her accomplishments deserve recognition and her support as the Neighborhood Service Coordinator is to be applauded. Thank you, Tonya, for caring about people the way that you do, if there were more of you out there, this world would truly be a better place.

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Freshmen, Jennings Pritchard, Bradley Goulds and Myra Hamby, are excited about the upcoming holiday break!

Students Share Holiday Plans, Memories & Traditions

By Carrie Rogers

Recently, several students at WCC were asked about their holiday plans, their favorite holiday memories and the holiday traditions their families observe. Nearly everyone who responded stated their plans were to rest and spend time with their families and friends for the holidays. One student said he planned to hide from his girlfriend during the break. Several male students

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