

## LOCAL PRINCIPALS COMPLETE EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM

Five Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' principals recently graduated from the Leadership Program for New Principals (LPNP).

Essie McCoy of Hall-Woodward Elementary, Ed Weiss of Wiley Middle, Ronald Davis of South Fork Elementary, Sandra Gilmer of Forest Park Elementary and Valarie Williams of Philo Middle were among 52 principals in the state to participate in the rigorous, 12-day program offered by the Principals' Executive Program (PEP) of the University of North Carolina.

McCoy and Weiss were named the top students in their classes, winning the prestigious Jack McCall Award for the elementary and middle-school divisions, respectively.

The principals completed close to 100 hours of classroom instruction over a four-month period. Major areas of study included teacher effectiveness, instructional improvement, school finance, teacher support, data analysis, technology utilization, diversity, integrity and vision. Books and articles on school improvement and leadership, student development, and school improvement were read and discussed.

"The goal of this program," said director Dr. Chris Hitch, "is to help principals better understand their roles, refine their skills and become more effective school leaders. The Leadership Program for New Principals allows school leaders time to think about improvement that can be made for their students and to share ideas with other principals."



## SHELTON NAMED DIRECTOR OF FORSYTH TECH GRANTS OFFICE

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (February 21, 2006) – Ron Shelton has been named director of the Grants Office at Forsyth Technical Community College. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Catawba College in Salisbury N.C.

Prior to joining Forsyth Tech Shelton worked for AT&T and Lucent Technologies for 30 years in Sales and Marketing. Shelton is responsible for researching and writing proposals for government grants and private foundations, as well as examining alternative funding sources for the college.



**Ron Shelton**

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