

JCC Radiology Graduate Was Pioneer In The Field Of Ultrasound

Carol Parker Lewis, a Benson native, graduated with honors in 1975 from JCC (then Johnston Technical Institute) in Radiology (X-Ray). Today she is department manager of the Medical Sonics (Ultrasound) department in Willis-Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Following certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in 1975, she worked at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh as a Fluoroscopy Technologist. After several years in Diagnostic Radiology, she returned to school at UNC-Chapel Hill, enrolling in the Medical Sonics Technology program.

Carol was one of only two students nationwide accepted into the Ultrasound program at Carolina!

Upon graduation from UNC she passed the National Certification in Medical Sonics and began working at Oshner Medical Center in New Orleans, which was known at that time as a pioneer ultrasound facility in the U.S.

While working at Oshner, Carol co-authored a medical publication on Neonatal Ultrasonography.

Now married and the mother of two children, Carol has continued to grow and serve her profession proudly!

No Knowledge Is Wasted If You Are A Writer, Says JCC Alumna Annis Ward Jackson

Annis Ward Jackson graduated from Atlantic Christian College in 1987 with a major in English after spending two years in JCC's college transfer program.

While at JCC, she was already a published author, having written a wide variety of poems, short stories and articles. She is also the author of a novel which placed fourth in the Sir Walter Raleigh Award competition in 1980. She captured first place in the Cynthia DeFord Adams Literary Awards Competition at JCC in both 1984 and 1985 (cash awards for written entries by JCC students founded by the late Cynthia DeFord Adams of Four Oaks).

Annis attended JCC while her husband was county manager for Johnston County. Born in the North Carolina Appalachian Mountains, her strong ties to the mountains are clear in much of her writing. Many of her short stories and poems portray mountain people in their home settings. Often her writing reflects either her childhood experiences while growing up in the mountains or the experiences of her parents and grandparents. Her numerous human interest stories also involve mountain folk--such as the local moonshiner in her native Watauga County.

She began her writing career in the 1960's because she wished to "preserve a way of life that is changing drastically." According to the writer, the North Carolina mountains, because of their isolation, have always been somewhat behind the times. This simplistic, yet colorful way of life began changing during the 1960's. . . changes she found disturbing. The beautiful mountains around Boone were actually moved. Shopping malls were constructed in their place.

Annis believes that writing is perhaps a means of salvaging her heritage--not only for her children, but for others who have never known the mountain way of life that is quickly fading.

She saw a degree in English as a means of broadening her experiences. "I do not believe any knowledge is wasted if you are a writer. . . there is so much you can draw on by studying other writers."

The Jacksons now reside in Pitt County where Annis is currently pursuing a graduate degree at East Carolina University.



JCC HOSTS DINNER FOR BLACK MINISTERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

JCC president Dr. John Tart addresses a group of Johnston County Black community leaders and ministers during a recent dinner held in the student lounge. Participants were introduced to several JCC graduates, including Sonja King of Clayton, who recently received a bachelor's degree from Meredith College, and Sherry Gerald of Dunn, a rising senior at Campbell University. Miss King is now a member of the JCC staff. The dinner is an annual effort to discuss ways of making more educational opportunities available in the county and surrounding areas.

I Would Do The Very Same Thing Again

In 1975, when her child was of kindergarten age, Patricia Cockrell of Route 2, Kenly, secured a part-time position in the reading tutor program at Winstead Elementary School. She discovered that she really enjoyed being in a classroom, and later she became a classroom teacher's assistant. Soon she realized that what she wanted was to be a primary teacher; more education was necessary if she was to pursue her goal.

In the summer of 1980 Patricia Cockrell took her first cautious step toward acquiring a college degree: she enrolled in the college transfer program at Johnston Community College and took two courses. "I needed to find out if I could hack it," she says today. After she had taken a few courses, her confidence began to build.

By the fall of 1980 she was a full-time student in JCC's General Education program. She made every moment count, and her schedule was demanding. "Thank goodness I had a cooperative husband who was supportive of what I was trying to do!" she said.

She was completing course work at the College by the fall of 1981 and was also taking some courses at Atlantic Christian Col-

lege in Wilson, where she intended to get her degree. In 1983 she graduated **Magna Cum Laude** from Atlantic Christian with a BS degree in early childhood education. She had "made it" in three years and four summers of intense effort.

"I kept a 'Progress Book' in a spiral notebook," she says. "I kept a careful record of the courses I had taken, of the grades I had received, and of my GPA (Grade Point Average). It kept me on track."

"I went to Atlantic Christian soon after I started the program at JCC and discussed my plans and goals with an advisor in my field. I wrote down the specific courses AC wanted me to take, and I followed my plan exactly."

Today Patricia Cockrell is a third grade teacher at Princeton, and she loves her work. She is currently working on a graduate degree in Early Childhood Education at East Carolina University.

"I hail Johnston Community College's college transfer program," Patricia says with conviction. "When I transferred to Atlantic Christian my preparation was certainly equal to that of my classmates there. I would do the very same thing again!"



Patricia Cockrell



HOMEMAKER/HOME HEALTH AIDE STUDENTS GRADUATE

Homemaker/Home Health Aide students at Johnston Community College were recently presented certificates of graduation during ceremonies in which they also received special pins from faculty members and Testaments from Mrs. Mary Strickland of the Smithfield Auxiliary of the Gideons.

Graduating students were (left to right): Ann Aycock of Selma, Barbara Mickens of Kenly, Margaret Stephens of Smithfield, Christine Boyland of Selma, and Barbara Stallings of Clayton.

The next Homemaker/Home Health Aide class will begin October 2. For more information, contact the director of admissions at 934-3051.