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Robert Merchant, Carteret CC.

## REASON TO SMILE

There was a true feeling of excitement and pride in Joslyn Hall Thursday evening August 27th, when Carteret Community College held its second annual Awards Night. Among the many students, staff and faculty receiving awards, there was one very deserving individual that received the Woodmen of the World/Literacy Scholarship—Mr. Randall Stevens. Making the recognition was Sandy Hewitt-Giacobbi, Coordinator of Basic Skills. Presenting the award was Robert Merchant, Field Representative for Carteret County's Woodmen of the World Insurance Society of Newport.

Mr. Stevens is a native of Carteret County and was employed with Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation when he began to pursue his need for higher education. It was then, that Mr. Stevens enrolled in the General Educational Development (GED) program through the Basic Skills Department at Carteret Community College. With a family of five to support, money was already tight, but half-way through his eighteen-month study, he was laid off from Owens-Corning. But, he never gave up, he worked even harder and with a lot of perseverance and determination, Mr. Stevens successfully completed the national GED examination and earned his GED Diploma in June 1992.

The Woodmen of the World/Literacy Scholarship recognizes an outstanding student with a proven financial need who is a graduate of one of Carteret Community college's Basic Skills programs and who intends to enroll in a curriculum or vocational program in the fall quarter of the award year. Recognition is based on financial need as determined by the financial aid officer, graduation from one of the College's Basic Skills programs, demonstration of scholastic promise through class participation, motivation and test scores.

This year's Literacy Scholarship was donated by Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society which is one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world, dedicated to helping people in their quest for secure and meaningful lives.

Woodmen of the World recognizes members of their communities with awards for conservation, lifesaving, and worthy civic leadership. They have fund raisers to raise monies for special projects such as educational scholarships.

On behalf of the staff and faculty in the Basic Skills Department and Woodmen of the World, Newport, we would like to congratulate Mr. Stevens for being awarded the Woodmen of the World/Literacy Scholarship.

Sandy Hewitt-Giacobbi  
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## BASIC SKILLS CONFERENCE (continued)

which all other educational and training activities are built. We cannot do advanced training without the strong foundation you build each and every day on each and every one of our more than 2,400 sites statewide. I am proud of each of you, the programs you work so hard to produce, and countless lives we change each year through our basic skills programs."

Other dignitaries participating at the opening session were DCC's Executive Vice President, Dr. Parker Chesson; DCC's Vice President of Programs, Dr. James Wingate and Fayetteville Technical Community College President, Dr. Craig Allen. Bobby Anderson, DCC's Basic Skills Director, presided. Basic skills personnel appreciated the system's leadership supporting the conference.

The luncheon was followed by an inspiring keynote address by Eva P. Britt, Attorney at Law, Washington, D.C. Britt, physically handicapped with rheumatoid arthritis since the age of 9, is a GED graduate from Roanoke-Chowan Community College. The audience gave Britt a standing ovation at the conclusion of her speech entitled "From GED to J.D."

During the following day, Britt was videotaped while talking to students at Fayetteville Technical Community College. A copy of the tape will be made available to each community college in the near future.

"Meeting the Challenges through Quality Basic Skills Programs," the conference theme, was enhanced by over seventy outstanding workshop sessions on August 5th and 6th. Presenters represented community colleges, universities, literacy councils, and nonprofit organizations. Sessions were designed specifically for Adult Basic Education, Assessment/Retention, English as a Second Language, General Educational Development, Literacy Councils, Adult High School, Compensatory Education, Family Literacy, Homeless, and Workplace Literacy. Session evaluations indicated that participants were exceptionally pleased with the content and quality of the sessions.

Dinner in the Park, on the evening of the 5th, was a real treat in spite of the rain. The food was marvelous and the entertainment provided by DCC's own Parks Todd and a group of his friends was exceptional. The group is called "The Amazing Bobs"—contrary to the fact that there is not a Bob among them. By all accounts it was a memorable evening for those who attended.

At the closing session on August 6th, Dale Van Horn, radio personality, songwriter, and motivational speaker from Raleigh, gave a challenging address entitled "The Difference You Make..." He cited various examples of how certain individuals in his life had taken time to work with him to help him succeed despite his visual limitations. Dale also played and sang several of his popular hits. The audience gave him a standing ovation. What a way to end the conference!

This year's conference provided the opportunity for participants from across the state to get together and recapture that special inspiration and motivation that is uniquely a part of the Basic Skills program! The Department of Community Colleges appreciates the efforts of all individuals who helped in a variety of ways to make the conference a success.

Florence Taylor, DCC

MELISSA ESPINOSA has been appointed the first full-time director of the English as a Second Language Program at Durham Tech. Melissa came to DTCC from the staff of the American University in Cairo's English Language Institute, where she previously earned a master's degree in TEFL. She also taught for the Peace Corps for three years in Kenya and in the Virgin Islands.

Gloria Horne, Durham Technical CC