
VANCE - GRANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Author To Visit GED Class At Warren Campus



Author Patrice Gaines, who writes for *The Washington Post*, will address the General Education Diploma (GED) class at Vance - Granville Community College's Warren County Campus on Monday.

Her visit to the Warren satellite was arranged after its literacy program was chosen in October as one of five adult educational programs nationwide to participate in the Reader & Writers Program sponsored by PEN American Center of New York.

In addition to Gaines' visit, the campus will host Marita Golden in October.

A native of New Bern, Gaines departed from the teachings of her middle class family and turned to drugs and crime while she was a teenager. After serving jail time in Charlotte, she landed a job at *The Charlotte Observer* and began her career as a reporter. Later she worked for two years at the now-defunct *Miami News* before joining the staff of *The Washington Post*, where she has been employed for nine years.

In 1992, Gaines won the National Association of Black Journalists' annual "Salute to Excellence" award for commentary.

These and other aspects of her life covered in her book *Laughing in the Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color - A Journey from Prison to Power*, published in 1994.

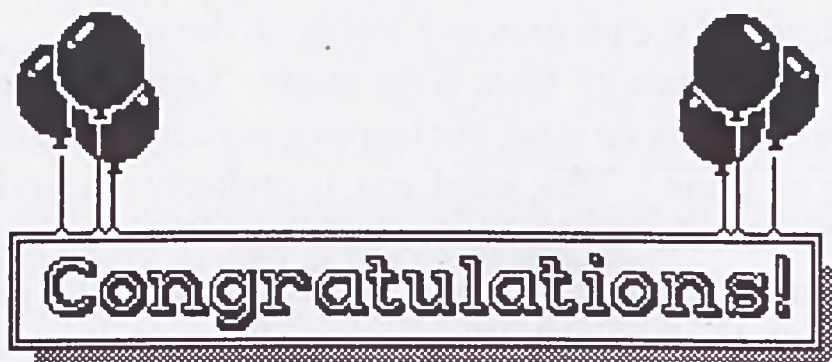
The author has one daughter, Andrea, a graduate of Spelman College, who now works for a Los Angeles public relations firm.

Hazel S. Boyd, coordinator of the Warren County literacy program, is helping with arrangements for the

author's visit.

Initiated in the fall of 1990, PEN American Center's program encourages Americans to read literature from diverse cultures and regions. The program sends writers and their books to public schools, community centers and literacy programs across the country to discuss writing, literature and the pleasures of reading.

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Anson Community College

Two Anson Community College programs have been selected for inclusion in "1001 Exemplary Practices," a new publication that highlights exceptional programs in two-year colleges nationwide. ACC was cited for its Institutional Effectiveness program and for its unique Community Services Division, both of which were awarded commendations by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Community Services Division includes a team of educators who serve the community by providing continuing education programs and leadership in a variety of areas, from Smart Start to economic development.

As part of its ongoing quality initiative, Anson Community College is providing leadership for a regional Quality Council that will serve industries in both Anson and Union counties. In embracing Total Quality Management, the college has established a Quality Council and has named Scott Collier quality coordinator. Anson Community College began its new Adult High School program on Feb. 14.

Two NC REAL Enterprises classes began operation this year, providing entrepreneurial education in Wadesboro and Monroe.
