

Name Changes

Names & Changes and New Faces in Continuing Education Personnel

Scott Hunsinger is now the Dean of Academic Affairs at North Carolina Center for Applied Textile Technology.

Sherry Allen is now the Sales and Continuing Education Coordinator at North Carolina Center for Applied Textile Technology.

Laura L. Douglas has joined Randolph Community College as Vice President for Instructional and Student Services. Laura comes from Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she worked as the lead planner for the Office of Planning and Governance.

Joseph W. Grimsley, President of Richmond Community College in Hamlet, died Friday, July 23, of an apparent heart attack. He was 65. Grimsley had been president of Richmond Community College for 16 years.

John Price, founding president of McDowell Technical Community College died at his residence after several weeks of serious illness. He was 76. He served as president of MTCC from 1967 -1984.



Construction Safety in Spanish

A scar running across the back of Alejandro Campos' hand marks his uneasy transition from selling snack food in El Salvador to painting homes in Wilmington. Mr. Campos had been in the United States for less than a year when he fell from a ladder resting precariously atop a sawdust-covered floor last May. "I broke my hand and my nose," he said in Spanish. "The ambulance came and everything."

Like many Latinos entering North Carolina's booming construction industry, Mr. Campos wasn't familiar with its tools, building surfaces, and safety procedures. He considers himself lucky he recovered and is back at work supporting his wife and four children.

But Mr. Campos doesn't plan to learn all his safety lessons the hard way. He was one of nine Latino workers completing a class in basic construction and safety Saturday at Cape Fear Community College. The painters, carpenters, roofers and bricklayers put the finishing touches on a model roof and reviewed safety tips one last time in the cavernous brick building off Shipyard Boulevard near the state port. The class, which began in January and ends with a graduation ceremony Saturday, is the first construction safety course to be offered in Spanish in North Carolina's community college system.

Students learn everything from how much clearance a ladder should have over the edge of a roof to what kind of fire extinguisher to use on an electric fire. They also

get trained to read blue prints, identify tools in English, and read informational sheets describing the hazardous constituents of industrial chemicals.

The idea is to increase the number of people who can relay safety tips in Spanish to their fellow workers, said instructor Fernando Trulin, a Louisiana-Pacific Corp. engineer who also heads the Wilmington Chapter of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "They may not be able to have a big conversation," he said, "but they know the word for fire extinguisher and what caution tape means."

The College is planning to offer the basic construction and safety class again in the fall, along with a Spanish-language course in cabinetmaking.

* A complete article can be obtained by contacting the Wilmington Star.

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Editor's Note...

I would like to take this moment to introduce myself to the NCCCAEA board of trustees, the administration, and its members. My name is **Steve Downs** and I am Director of Customized Training and Development at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. It is very exciting for me to be involved with such a highly respected and well established organization. I hope you find the NCCCAEA fall newsletter informative and enjoyable.

BUT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. It is my hope and that all NCCCAEA members will take a moment to review the content and format of the newsletter. Can you see its potential? I can! Please keep those thoughts in the back of your mind until the day that you receive a "call for articles" for the spring edition. The NCCCAEA newsletter can only reach its highest potential if members take the time to submit articles and information. There are too many new and innovative programs in the community college system that are going unnoticed. Share your ideas and suggestions. Together we can make the NCCCAEA newsletter a valuable resource to all members. You may contact me at 704-788-3197 ext. 539 or email me at downss@rccc.cc.nc.us. I look forward to meeting many of you at the fall conference.

