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year's campaign was the personal contacts that our volunteers made. That's what people have told me," Partin said. "We're indebted to the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help the college."

Partin said she felt from the beginning that this year's campaign would have positive results.

"The people in Edenton and Chowan County responded as I thought they would," she said. "They know the value of having the college in this community."

Money from this year's campaign will be used for dual enrollment opportunities for students at COA and John A. Holmes High School, skills assessments for businesses and industries, usage of the Chowan County Center by the community, state-of-the-art equipment purchases, campus beautification, faculty and staff development, and financial aid for students.

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BEST DECORATED HOMES WIN SPECIAL RECOGNITION

First and second place honors in this year's Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest went to the Emperor Landing Road homes of Elmer Overton and Kathie Wynn. Third place was awarded to Bill Norvell of Kimberly Drive. The contest was sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Dept. (Staff photos by Debbie Collins)

Kwanzaa

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School, this year's event moved to the Fannie A. Parker Women's Club building to provide a more intimate setting for the dozens who attend the annual event, she said.

Festivities will include live musical entertainment by Fred Hill (jazz- and blues-guitar renditions), dancing by the children of Gwen Brown, storytelling by Naomi White, a modern ballet dance by Tamia Bembry, and opening prayer by Dr. Johnny Houston of Elizabeth City State University.

After Houston's prayer, local children will recite Kwanzaa's principles.

"My grandchildren will do the Kwanzaa pledge," Vanterpool said, adding that her children, along with nephew Donovan Hill, will also recite parts of the Nguzo Saba. Local youth will also recite poetry during the event.

A potluck dinner will follow, and Vanterpool said participants are asked to bring one dish each - but none containing pork, please.

When the evening's events are over, Vanterpool said that Kwanzaa's values should not fade away.

"We want people to celebrate the principles all during the year and make them a part of daily living," she said.

Vanterpool also acknowledged those local businesses that have helped to sponsor this year's holiday. They include: Blair Funeral Service, Rowsom Funeral Service, Harrell's Community Grocery, LaDall Inc., Carter's Barber Shop, Keystone Barber Shop, Paradise Beauty Salon, Flemming's Beauty Salon, and Miji's variety store.

For more information on next week's Kwanzaa celebration, contact Vanterpool at 482-7386.



