

Job Training Program Graduates Another Successful Class

▲ Program designed to help individuals who are under skilled prepare for success in the workforce

By Veronica Clemons
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About 90 percent of the graduates from the Word Processing Training Skills Program have something many four-year college graduates have immediately following commencement. They have jobs.

Most of the 26 graduates from the Job Training Partnership Act Program sponsored by the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County Private Industry Council are already employed or were looking forward to beginning new jobs shortly after graduation.

This program is one of several job specific skills programs offered through Winston's Workforce Development Department, Director Martha Jo Campbell said.

The Workforce Development Department is the administrative entity for the JTP program and operate under an consortium agreement with the county.

"The program is designed to help individuals who are under-skilled and underemployed prepare for successful entry into the workforce," Campbell said.

Graduate Tesha Green congratulated all of her fellow classmates for setting a goal when they entered the job training and achieving that goal. She added that it is hard to achieve without a support system, but one was easy to find within the job training program.

"When you walk through the door, the minute you're accepted into the program you know you have been adopted by a strong support system," she said.

Campbell said the program not only helps individuals but employers who are looking for a skilled workforce to handle on-the-job

needs. When the program began four years ago, Campbell said major employers were contacted and asked if there was a need for such a program. Employers were even asked the kind of hardware and software they used so program participants could be more responsive to their needs.

Commencement speaker, James Rousseau, vice-president of planning and development at Forsyth Technical Community College, said a winning attitude will help graduates succeed in all endeavors and offered some ingredients to achieve that attitude.

Russo told graduates they must set goals and constantly strive to meet those goals.

"You must be committed and must not get frustrated if it takes longer or there are other barriers," he said. "You cannot lose sight of your goal."

Another thing students needed to do, he said, was not worry about failure, but be optimistic and enthusiastic.

Russo added that graduates must realize that there are few short cuts when striving to achieve goals. "Just because something is free

doesn't mean it's worthwhile," he said.

Each student was awarded a certificate of completion for the program and those who do not have jobs will continue to get assistance from workforce development with finding employment, Campbell said.

In addition to the job skills training programs JTP offers tuition assistance and on the job training program where the employers train the individual and the program reimburse the employers for up to 50 percent of the wage rate for a specific period of time.

Nursing Sorority Honors Graduates

The Chi Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Inc. honored the recent graduates and Chi Chi Beta members. A reception in their honor was held May 3, at Winston-Salem State University. Chi Chi Beta is the undergraduate chapter of the Chi Chi Chapter. The beta chapter was formed in 1991 on the campus of Winston-Salem University.

Those being honored were Zeleka Gillyard, Michelle Woodruff and Dorothy Wood Smarr.

Zeleka Gillyard, born in Brooklyn, considers Rocky Mount as her home. She became a member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority in April, 1992. Since joining, she has received a

leadership award and has served as membership intake chairperson. She works at Forsyth Memorial Hospital as a SNT where she has received a merit for good service. She says, "My goal is to disperse myself to the community as a home health community nurse."

She attributes her ability to continue in nursing to God's will and the loss of her brother to cancer two years ago.

Michelle Woodruff has been a member of the sorority since the spring of 1992, where she has served as anti basileus. She was awarded the 1993 Spirit of Nursing Award from the Army Nurse Corps and the Student Nurses Association. She is listed in Who's Who Among America's College Students 1993-94. She has a four year old daughter named Millicent. She will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and will be stationed in Jacksonville, FL.

Dorothy Wood Smarr is from Salisbury and is the mother of nine-year-old son. She was the basileus of the chapter for 1993-94 school year. She also served as president of



Seated (l to r) Michelle Woodruff, Zeleka Gillyard, Dorothy Wood Smarr. Standing Carrie Robinson.

the senior nursing class. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. She was also a member of the Student Nurses Association. She is a member of Gythsemane Baptist Church in Sal-

isbury. These three 1994 graduates were honored with the presentation of plaques by beta sponsor and nursing school faculty member, Kanzenner Wilks.

Annual Friendship Celebration Luncheon Held

On Thursday, Artanzia Jones hosted a "Friendship Celebration" luncheon at Les Arbes on New Walkertown Road. Guests were representatives from several senior citizens clubs to Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. It was a birthday celebration and to commemorate the first anniversary of Jones' retirement from Experiment in Self Finance, where she was coordinator for the guest senior clubs. The program consisted of welcome, scripture, and presentation by Jones; prayer and solo by Dinah Pettigrew;

poem by Kris Pettigrew; grace by Robert Lee Witherspoon.

Guests and senior citizens club they represented were: Patterson Avenue: Mesdames Suzanne Anderson, Ruth Roseboro and Sallie B. Hughes; Inner Club Council: Mildred Griffin; Piney Grove: Mesdames Emma Harper, Janie Shelton and Eadie M. Black; Walkertown: Lois R. Smith, Henry Chandler, Grady Mills, Marchous Roberts; Bon Air: Marie Clyburn; Chatham Heights: Mesdames Elsie Cobb,

Pearl Bankhead, and Nora Cox; Eastgate: Mesdames Roberta Edwards and Portia Rivers; Columbia Heights: Robert Lee Witherspoon and Jessie Witherspoon; Ogburn Station: Mozella Booker; Greenwood Avenue: Mesdames Eleanor R. Harris, Mary Hindson and Bleaker Ellis; special guest: Inez S. Shaw, leader of Sarah Circle Missionary Society of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Jones dedicated this poem by Edgar A. Guest:

"I'm wishing at this special time that I could but repay
A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way;
And could I have one wish this day, this only would it be:
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me."

Bowling and Johnson take First Place

Winners Last Week
Results of the Metrolina's Grade "B" Tournament (Charlotte) on Saturday, May 21:

Section "A" Overall Winners
First Place - Richard Bowling and George Johnson (Greensboro and Charlotte)

Second Place - Sandra Brown and Lessie Hatton (Winston-Salem)

Third Place - Edward High and Walter Twitty (Charlotte)

Fourth Place - Spencer Durante and Viette Neal (Charlotte)

Section "B" Winners

First Place - Sandra Brown and Pauline Caldwell

Second Place - Freddy Davy and Luetta Black (Charlotte)

Third Place - Letha J. Caldwell and Samella B. Twitty (Charlotte)

Congratulations to Sandra Brown and Lessie Hatton for representing Winston-Salem so well!

Grade "C" Tournament Winners - Monday, May 23 Section "A"

First/Second Place - Sandra Brown and Pauline Caldwell

First/Second Place - Renita T. Segers and Olivia B. Thompkins

Third Place - Geraldine Cary and Geneva Coleman

Fourth Place - Wendell Robinson and Ruby B. Walker

Section "B" Winners (Under 100 master points)

First Place - Wendell Robinson and Ruby B. Walker

Second Place - Jefferson Rollins and Vivian Rollins

This was a quarterly Grade "C" game sponsored by the Kings and Queens Duplicate Bridge Club and the Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club. Charles

period since our beginning four years ago.

Tuesday, May 24 - 7 p.m. - Winston Lake Family YMCA

Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club

1/2 Place Tie - Fionnie Anderson and Goldia Anderson

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Thursday, May 26 - 7 p.m. - Rupert Bell Recreation Center

Kings and Queens Duplicate Bridge Club

A "team game" was played, however, the winner were not reported as of the preparation of this article.

Grade "A" Tournament in Durham

The College View Duplicate Bridge Club will sponsor its last Grade "A" Tournament June 17-19. The event will be held at the Omni Durham Hotel and Civic Center, 201 Foster Street. Local players are urged to support this tournament. For further information please contact any local club officers.

This game concluded the Monday events for the month of May, since the recreation centers were closed on Memorial Day, May 30th. Thanks to all the players who support the Monday games. You have made it a record-breaking attendance for the same

BRIDGE NEWS

By RUDOLPH V. BOONE SR.



W. Gadson was the Director-in-Charge. Ruth G. Washington was the director for the month of May. Eight tables of players came out to compete in a Scrambled Mitchell Movement game.

In addition to the bridge game, Sarah J. Boone was honored with a birthday meal that was enjoyed by all. Jenny S. Scales planned the menu, also to celebrate South Africa's electing Nelson Mandela as their president. Those assisting Scales with food and decorating were: Jean Joyner, Harriet Smith, Ruby Walker, Lillie Cuthrell, Renita T. Segers, Olivia B. Thompkins and Juanita Wynecoff.

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What's the best place for dinner on June 11?
Your house!

DINING FOR FRIENDS
An At-Home Fundraiser for the AIDS Task Force

On June 11, all across town, people will sit down to dinner at the home of a friend. Meals will range from hot dogs to haute cuisine, and guest lists will include a handful or a hundred. All these gatherings will be held to raise money and understanding for the work of the AIDS Task Force of Winston-Salem. After the private dinners, all participants will meet for dessert and dancing at Benton Convention Center.

Join the hosts and hostesses who are opening their homes and their hearts. Invite your friends. Light the grill or put a roast in the oven. Join Dining for Friends, an evening of good food, good times and a generous helping of hope.

To host a party, or for more information, call the AIDS Task Force at (910) 723-5031.

Thanks to Long Homes Care, LINTAS, Hickory Printing, Kaiser Roth Hostess, Inc., Davis Village Inc. and the Winston-Salem Chronicle. Thanks also to Triad Health Project in Greensboro for assistance in bringing Dining for Friends to Winston-Salem.

Beginning June 6th

WSTA PRESENTS

LATE Night SERVICE

Travel Winston-Salem under the stars with our new late night service!

Enhanced, convenient service is now available weeknights to bus routes 50, 51 and 52.

Route 50 from downtown to Westside areas with a new extension off Westgate Center Drive, Healy Drive, and Maureen Drive.

Route 51 from downtown to Northside/Eastside areas with a new extension from University Parkway to Walmart to Patterson Ave.

Route 52 from downtown to Southside areas with new expanded services to Salem Gardens and Easton.

Detailed maps are available at the WSTA Downtown Transit Center now open from 6:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, or call The Winston-Salem Transit Authority at 727-2000.