

CAREERS

Briefs

WFU Business School makes respected list

BusinessWeek magazine ranks Wake Forest University's Calloway School of Business and Accountancy 14th on its 2009 list of the top 50 undergraduate business schools in the United States. The magazine announced its fourth annual ranking of "The Best Undergrad Business Schools" Feb. 26.

Wake Forest tied for first place in academic quality and showed strong positive momentum, improving its overall rank by seven spots over 2008. "This achievement is a strong testament to the dedication of former dean Jack Wilkerson and the faculty of the Calloway School," said Dean of Business Steve Reinemund.

To calculate its ranking, BusinessWeek compiles surveys of about 85,000 senior business majors and more than 600 corporate recruiters. The ranking considers median starting salaries for graduates and the number of graduates each program sends on to top MBA programs. The composite ranking also uses an "academic quality score" that BusinessWeek calculates for each undergraduate school by combining SAT scores, faculty-student ratios, class size, the percentage of students with internships and the number of hours students spend on class work each week.

BusinessWeek's complete 2009 ranking of the best undergraduate business schools is available in the March 9 issue, which is now on newsstands.

Bailey to fill-in as Provost

Dr. Jessica Bailey, the dean of the School of Business and Economics at Winston-Salem State University, has been promoted to the interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs post. She began serving in that post on Monday. The appointment is expected to last through June 30.

Dr. Juliette Bell, who had served as interim Provost, left last week to return to her duties at Fayetteville State University. Bell joined WSSU last September with the understanding that she would be with the university for only six months.

WSSU has already appointed a permanent Provost. Dr. Brenda Allen, associate Provost and Director of Institutional Diversity at Brown University, will begin her duties at WSSU on July 1.

Bailey has served as the university's dean of the School of Business and Economics since July 15, 2006. She joined WSSU after serving as dean and professor of Business at the Sydney Lewis School of Business at Virginia Union University. Prior to her tenure at Virginia Union she served as associate dean and assistant professor at American University.



Bailey

Robertson new state DMV leader

Mike Robertson has been chosen to lead the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

He is the former director of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety's Division of Alcohol and Law Enforcement. He led that agency 2002 to 2007.

"Mike's extensive law enforcement experience makes him an excellent choice to lead DMV," said Transportation Secretary Gene Conti.

Robertson has more than 35 years experience in law enforcement. He began his law enforcement career in 1971 with the Carolina Beach Police Department and the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department.

As director of ALE, he oversaw Alcohol Law Enforcement, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons, the Bingo Enforcement Section and the N.C. Boxing Authority.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Fayetteville State University and a MBA from Pfeiffer University. He also is a graduate of the N.C. Administrative Officer's Management Program and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

As DMV Commissioner, Robertson will oversee daily operations for the division, which includes oversight of driver licenses, vehicle registration, and safety and emissions inspections. He began his new job on Monday.

Esleek named court mediator

Robert Esleek, a partner of the law firm of Wall Esleek Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem, has been named a Certified Superior Court Mediator by the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission.

Esleek has extensive experience in corporate law, mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and commercial transactions. As head of the corporate finance department in the Winston-Salem office of Kilpatrick Stockton, he managed bank, public and private debt and equity financings, asset and stock acquisitions and dispositions by public and private companies.

Esleek served as an executive-in-residence at Salem College from 2000-2006, where he taught business law, communications law and corporate finance. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned a B.S. in business administration in 1975, and a master's in business administration and a juris doctor degree, both in 1979.



Kit Broadhurst, Karen Bell Chandler, Marcia Cole and Daisy Rodriguez

Food bank hires group of pros

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina has welcomed several new members to its team, many of whom already are well-known in the community for their work with other agencies.

Marcia Cole has been named director of Development and Community Relations. She will be responsible for the food bank's overall development, marketing and community relations activities. Cole has held positions in the past with agen-

cies such as the American Red Cross and United Way of Forsyth County.

Kit Broadhurst, a longtime Second Harvest volunteer, has been appointed director of Human Resources. She has a 30-year work history that includes extensive human resources and management experience.

Daisy Rodriguez is the new director of Childhood Hunger Programs. She will have responsibility for Second Harvest Food Bank's Kids Cafe and Backpack programs and will initiate the new Summer

Feeding Program. She has worked for the food bank before. In 2003, Rodriguez was Agency Outreach Coordinator and was responsible for coordinating the 2005 Hunger Study, launching the Backpack Program and winning grants to start Kids Cafe. In 2006, she went to the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina, where she served as director of Mentoring Services.

Karen Bell Chandler has been brought on as the food bank's development manager. For the past five years, she has

worked at Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County as the development/faith and community relations manager. She has significant experience in building relationships with religious organizations, resource development, marketing and special events.

In addition to the new additions, several current food bank employees were promoted. They are: Nikki Cook to agency relations director; Lee Bettis to food sourcing manager; and Chuck Harmon to food drives/salvage operations manager.

Duke scientist will be honored in Italy for her innovative work

Durham native Stiff-Roberts' work could provide endless benefits for everyone

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Adrienne Stiff-Roberts decided during her high school years that she wanted to be a scientist, and then an engineer.

"The first time I first became serious about science was during a physics class in the 11th grade," recalls Stiff-Roberts, whose father taught mathematics. "It turned out to be my favorite class. I so much enjoyed understanding how the world around me works. Discovering new knowledge and ideas in labs, lectures and classes resonated deeply with me. I decided then to go into academics."



Duke Photo

Adrienne Stiff-Roberts

from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a bachelor's of science degree in physics (summa cum laude) from Spelman College.

Since joining the faculty at Duke University in 2004 as an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, Stiff-Roberts has combined her passion for physics and engineering to better understand the complex and intriguing world of sub-atomic quantum. So far, the efforts of her lab-

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FEELING GOOD TO PAY-LESS



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Fashion Designer Christian Siriano unveiled his exclusive line of shoes for Payless during the recent New York Fashion Week. The Christian Siriano for Payless line will be available in the fall. The shoes will cost, on average, below \$45.

Trailblazing dean will retire in June

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Joseph Monroe, dean of the College of Engineering at N.C. A&T State University, will retire on June 30. N.C. A&T will conduct a national search for Monroe's successor.

Monroe was the first African American in the country to obtain a Ph.D. in computer science in 1972, from Texas A&M University. A founding member of the first Computer Science Honor Society (now an international society), he established an accredited computer science program at A&T; held a Ronald E. McNair Endowed Chair Professorship in Computer Science at A&T (1991-2009); chaired the department of computer science at A&T (1991-2000); and served as dean of the COE at A&T (2000-present).

A strong proponent of professionalism in the engineering curricula with concern for undergraduate students, Monroe led an intense focus for all students in the college to obtain their professional licensure as engineers. Monroe led the development of new programs in computer engineering.

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DCCC Photo

DCCC will offer its next class later this month.

Many turning to truck driver training

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Davidson County Community College has moved its ever-popular truck driver training program to nearby Mocksville.

The school has seen a spike in interest in the program lately, as more and more people search for new and more lucrative careers. Starting pay for drivers of big rigs is about \$40,000, and that rate can increase to annually about \$60,000 after only a few years of experience, according to Bob Paris, instructor and coordinator of the DCCC Truck Driving program.

The Davie County Campus in Mocksville will offer its next full-time class on March 20. It will consist of eight weeks of training conducted Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The class is limited to just 24 students.

The class that will begin after this one, in the fall of 2009, will be more protracted, lasting for 16 weeks. Classroom instruction takes place on Tuesday, from 6 to 9:40 p.m. and driv-

ing instruction on Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The part-time class is limited to just 16 students. Tuition and fees for the class are about \$700, an excellent investment, says Parks, who says that there is usually a 100 percent job placement rate for graduates.

"There is always going to be a need for truck drivers," he noted. "We usually get more requests for truck drivers than we have graduates, so students have a wide range of opportunities from which to choose."

To graduate, students must complete 384 hours of classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction. The school's recent graduates have included men and women from all walks of life, including husband and wife teams who train to drive together.

For more information about enrolling in the DCCC truck driving class on the Davie Campus, call Shannon Putterbaugh, at 336-249-8186, ext. 6252 or email her at sputterb@davidsonccc.edu.