

CAREERS



Dash staff changes

The Winston-Salem Dash promoted Corporate Partnerships Department employees Corey Bugno and Darren Hill and hired several for its front office.

Two key parts of the Dash's front office team over the last several years, Corey Bugno and Darren Hill have new roles within the organization.

Bugno was promoted to vice president of Corporate Partnerships, while Hill takes over as the director of Corporate Partnerships.

Bugno joined the Dash in advance of the 2010 season as the director of Stadium Operations. From there, he was elevated to Senior Director of Operations before joining the Corporate Partnerships department a year ago. The Duquesne University graduate has worked in Minor League Baseball since 2006, a career that includes stops with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and Lehigh Valley franchises.

Prior to his promotion, Hill had been an integral part of the Dash's ticket sales efforts since 2010, most recently as the team's Director of Business Development. Born and raised in Albemarle, he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before joining the Dash, Hill worked with the Carolina Hurricanes, Carolina Panthers and UNC's Football Recruiting Office.

Four others have joined the Dash's front office team—Paul Johnson as the head groundskeeper, Whitley Shannon as a ticket sales and service representative, Annie Stoltenberg as the director of Entertainment and Community Relations and Paul Williams as the Box Office supervisor.

The sixth season at BB&T Ballpark, home of the Dash, begins on April 16.

UNCG ranks nationally

U.S. News & World Report ranked three UNCG online programs among the best in the nation in the publication's 2015 list of Best Online Programs.

The Master of Science in Information Technology and Management degree, offered by the UNCG Bryan School of Business and Economics, was ranked 12th out of 38 online graduate computer information technology program in the findings, which were released recently.

UNCG's graduate online nursing program was ranked 31st out of 129 institutions and the graduate online program in education was ranked 65th out of 236 institutions. Measures such as student engagement, faculty credentials, student services and technology, peer reputation and admissions selectivity factored into the rankings.

UNCG offers 30 online undergraduate, graduate and certificate degree programs that can be completed -- start to finish -- online, including the new kinesiology doctoral program, the university's first fully online doctoral program and the only online Ed.D program in kinesiology in the nation. In addition to their academic excellence, UNCG's online programs also are recognized for their affordability.

Burr heads committee

U.S. Senator Richard Burr (R-N.C.) has been named the new chairman of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the new 114th Congress that was seated last week. Republicans now have the majority -- 54-46 -- in the Senate and hold 246 of the 435 seats in the House.



Burr

Burr served on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence during his tenure in the House of Representatives and became a member of the Senate Committee on Intelligence in 2007.

"I am honored to assume the role of Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the 114th Congress. I have spent the better part of two decades overseeing the work of our nation's intelligence community as it has worked to keep us, and our allies, safe at home and abroad," he said. "Furthermore, I am proud that our North Carolina based military units continue to provide valuable support to intelligence operations and their role will likely only increase in the future. Under my leadership the Committee will conduct vigorous oversight over the intelligence activities of our government. It is my job to ask the tough and probing questions and I intend to do just that."

Bumphus inspires area educators

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Born into a family of 10 children with parents who didn't finish high school, Dr. Walter Bumphus, president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges, epitomizes the mantra he espouses: "Education is the great equalizer."

Bumphus shared both his personal and national perspective on the future direction of higher education during Davidson County Community College's opening session for faculty and staff on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

"This is the Camelot moment for community colleges," said Bumphus. "This brief shining moment in time, where the promise of the future that community colleges can provide for the nation's citizenry has been realized," noting that community colleges across the country are enjoying recognition by President Obama and appreciation at the national level.

"Community colleges have been criticized for graduation and success rates that are inadequate ... and rightfully so," said Bumphus, before sharing statistics suggesting that the three most recent years worth of data on college completions indicate that community colleges are on track to meet the president's initiative to increase graduates by 5



Dr. Walter Bumphus speaks.

million by 2020.

"We've enjoyed three remarkable years," said Bumphus. "The three most recent years worth of data on completions indicate that community colleges are increasing the number of certificates and associate degrees awarded -- nearly 10 percent more in 2012-13 than were awarded in 2010-11. Community colleges awarded 55,000 more associate degrees in 2012-13 than they did in 2010-11."

Bumphus, who cited his close friendships with DCCC President Dr. Mary Rittling, who also serves on the

national AACC board, and Scott Ralls, president of the North Carolina Community College System, further acknowledged the great work being accomplished among community colleges like DCCC here in North Carolina.

"I've been hearing great accolades for not only what is happening at this institution but in the state," said Bumphus. "Most of our colleges are now receiving more funds from student tuition than state funding, but North Carolina is a north star for all of higher educa-

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Report: Raises a concern for N.C. principals

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When Katie McMillan became principal of Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School in Raleigh in 2014, she didn't realize she was locking herself into one pay level for half a decade. According to the principal salary schedule, it will be 2019 before she gets her next pay bump from the state, and she worries that long waits for raises could affect the quality of leadership in public schools.

"I think that this is a highly complex job, and if you don't have good principals, you're not going to have a working environment for teachers," she said.

According to the state salary schedules for 2014-15, McMillan, who has 15 years of combined experience as a teacher and principal, will have to wait until her 20th year for a raise.

That's because for a principal who oversees between 44 and 54 teachers -- the category McMillan falls under -- the first level of pay is \$4,918 a month or \$59,016 a year. But that base level is given to all principals who fall within a range of experience from zero to 19 years. It's not until the 20th year that the pay given by the state bumps up to \$4,983 or \$59,796 annually. That means McMillan has a long wait.

"I think that that is not the kind of schedule that is going to hold up over time," said state Board of Education Chairman Bill Cobey. "That is based on number of years and that's it, and that's not the world we live in."

And the problem isn't restricted to principals at McMillan's level. Those at lower levels have long waits, too, but the wait is the worst for principals at the highest level -- those who oversee 101 or more teachers. Their first pay bump doesn't come until the 24th year.

The problem has been exacerbated by pay freezes that began in 2009 in the wake of the economic recession and continued through 2013, with the exception of a one-time salary increase of 1.2 percent in 2012.

"With the salary freezes, the groupings have gotten larger," said Andrew Cox, section chief of school reporting at the State Department of Public Instruction.

To avoid increasing the salaries of principals in the first range of pay, the range was increased by one year for each year of the pay freeze by the General Assembly, according to Cox. So, if the first range was 0-22 years for principals with the most responsibility one year, then the next year it became 0-23 years during the pay freeze.

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McMillan

UP, UP AND AWAY



NASA Photo by Bill Ingalls

Charles Bolden, the head of NASA, and his wife Jackie watch as the United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket, with NASA's Orion spacecraft mounted atop, lifts off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's Space Launch Complex 37 last month. The spacecraft orbited Earth twice before landing in the Pacific Ocean. The flight test will help NASA design spacecrafts that will journey to destinations never before visited by humans, including an asteroid and Mars.

DOT workers go 'Extra Mile'

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

A NCDOT Davie County work crew that was credited with preventing what could have been a tragic accident along I-40 in Davie County last month was honored last week with the department's The Extra Mile Award.

The honor recognizes NCDOT employees who go beyond their normal duties in service to the state of North Carolina. They will receive the award this Thursday at the monthly NCDOT Board of Transportation meeting in Raleigh.

On the morning of Dec. 4, shortly before noon, Davie County Fire Marshall Jerry K. Myers was travel-



NCDOT Photo

(From left) Daniel Devoid with Jerry Lee Burcham, Andy Reavis, Elmer Hendren, David Plagemann and Cory Robertson.

ing north on U.S. 601 when he saw a vehicle turn onto the exit ramp of Interstate 40 East. The driver proceeded the wrong way down the exit ramp, and started trav-

eling west in the eastbound lane. In an attempt to stop the vehicle, Myers got on I-40 West, went to the next exit, and then drove east in the eastbound lane.

By the time he got back to the exit ramp, several workers with the N.C. Department of Transportation who had

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