Graduates Urged To Overcome Barriers, Build Communities

Sandi Johnston of Supply wants to teach math and is now halfway to

Ocean Isle Beach earned the equiv alent of a high school diploma and completed basic law enforcement training. He is seeking a career as a law officer.

Back in 1976, Lorene Buchanan Marilyn Hardie Terri Mercer and Mable McKoy were part of a group of 27 adults emolled in general edu cation evening courses at North Brunswick High School Five years the four women are the only ones of that original group to earn their as sociate degrees

Each of these six students over came barriers in striving to reach their personal goals. They're the type of student speaker Roscoe E Hager talked about at Brunswick Community College's 11th commencement exercises last Thursday night at Southport Baptist Church

Friends relatives and BCC faculty and staff members overflowed from both the main sanctuary of the church and its adjacent chapel

It was BCC's largest GED class to date, with 69 men and women receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Another 147 students carned a diploma, cerucate or associate de gree, while three marked dual ach ievement in business administration and business computer program

Those in the chapel's intimate setting of arched windows, slatted wood walls darkened with age and rose-red carpets had the equivalent of front row seats. They watched proceedings by wide screen video hookup as Hager spoke over the babble of children

"You didn't give up when it would have been easier to stop," he told the graduates in a reminder of their personal victories

Hager, coordinator of methods or administration for the NC Depart ment of Community Colleges, challenged graduates to continue to dream, to pursue their dreams with persistence and dedication, to be willing to stand for something and

to be builders of stronger communi ties. Be willing to roll up your sleeves and make things happen." he said, even when others offer no Charlie T. "Tom" Arnold of encouragement, "When people work together, there are no limits to what can be done

Paraphrasing Methodist pioneer Charles Wesley, the part time minister urged students to "do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the places you can, for as long as you can

Seven students carned special recognition for their achievements and service

Sandra (Sandr) D. Johnston of Supply received the President's A ward presented annually to the student who is selected as outstanding in scholastic achievement and lead ership qualities. A general education student she was one of BCC's first ambassadors fast year and also served as president of the campus honorary, the National Vocational Technical Honor Society

tannara A Anderson of Ash, a business administration student received the Citizenship Award. She was selected on the basis of campus leadership, service to fellow students and participation in extracurricular activities. Ms. Anderson was an Student Government Association officer and florior student.

three graduates received Out standing Student Awards, on the basis of academic excellence and their contributions of service to the commoints and to BCC business ad ministration honors student Frances Gravatt of Ocean Isle Beach, technical Michael Bernard Rand olph of Bolivia, general educationand William Kevin Shires an air conditioning, heating and refrigeration vocational student.

Two nursing students received special recognition for academic achievement, leadership, professionalism and service Carol Lynn Young of Holden Beach received the Esther Swam Frazier Nursing Award and Julie 1 Brinstield Ocean Isle Beach received the Steven Allen White Award.

Students who carned diplomas degrees and certificates were an nounced earner

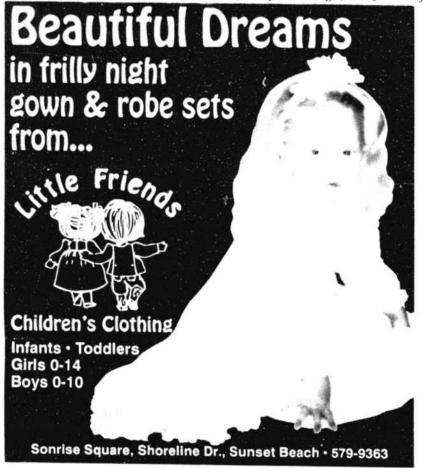
Earning high school equivalency diplomas were these students

Shannon L. Apple, Charlie T. Ar nold, Henry Arzbeiger, Karen L Barber, Helen Barnhill, Melody Barnfull, Gwendolyn T. Bass, Janne M Best, Sherry Carmichael Ed ward C Carter Virginia B Conner Franklin D. Coston Jr. Sally Mc lissa Crumbley, Amy L. Decker Nellie L. Dixon Virginia Ellen Doak, Gregory Eason, Amanda Ea ton, Jeffrey Evans, Cynthia A Farley, Jessica Floyd, Kimberly H. Fultord, John H. Gibson III. Heat her I. Goodwin Cheryl gore, Mark W Gore Phillip M Gore Frances M. Hall, Mary Kay Harris, Pamela Hawkins, Howard Helmke, Susan Hewett, Timothy G. Hewett, Pat ricia E. Hicks, Defores Hogan, James S. Jacobs, Jennifer R. Johnson Chris Kelly, Georita Aimetic

Also, Eric N. Long, John Love, Fred W. McCam. Denise McCarter. Liacy C. McKeithan, Karen Mock Lott W. Moniger, Leander Mosercy Robert D. Mullis, Randall De Mark Nance (nomas viathew Nance Augel Osborne Tammie L. Parish Benjamin K. Powers, Shannon E. Ryan, Connic E. Shepherd, Laurie Skipper Angela Smith C Amette Smith Loretta S. Smith, Rose Spell, Katie L. Squires, Jonathan L. Stevenson Celena Sullivan Cindy G. Turner 1m Vassey Larry S Watkins tr. Jeffrey W. Williams, Robert E. Wirth and Richard Woods



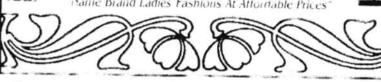
BCC GRADUATES who received special recognition at commencement last week included (front, from left) Frances Gravatt, Michael Bernard Randolph and Tamara Anderson; and (back, from left) Carol Lynn Young, Julie J. Brinsfield and Sandra D. Johnston.



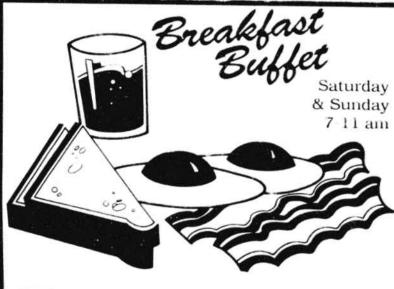


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