

# DSCC Alumni & Friends

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## Dyersburg State Celebrates 45th Anniversary

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Jamie Baker and the VIPS Band

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) recently held its 45th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 8 at the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. Over 225 guests were in attendance to celebrate and showcase the College's accomplishments over the past 45 years.

The evening began with a welcome from Dr. Karen Bowyer, President of DSCC, followed by a joint proclamation from Dyer County Mayor Chris Young and Dyersburg Mayor John Holden, both of whom are DSCC alumni.

Stan Cavness, Director of the DSCC Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), gave the invocation before dinner was served to each seated guest. As guests enjoyed dinner, Cole Shelton, DSCC Alumni Association President, gave remarks regarding the silent auction being held during the event and then announced the winners.

The silent auction raised a total of \$1,265 to benefit the DSCC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Highlighting the night was a video presentation featuring current and former DSCC alumni, faculty and staff reminiscing about the past 45 years.

Entertainment during the celebration included performances by DSCC's Jazz Choir 'Syncopation' and DSCC alumnus and comedic-magician Brian Staron.

The night concluded with music and dancing provided by Memphis-based band Jamie Baker and the VIP's.

Several local businesses and contributors helped sponsor this celebration including Red Level (\$1,000) sponsor Forcum Lannom and Navy Level (\$500) sponsors Caterpillar, C&C Pharmacy, Eaton, ERMCO, First State Bank-Dyersburg, Representative Craig Fitzhugh, Food Rite-Dyer, Ford Construction, Security Bancorp of Tennessee-Halls, Security Bank-Dyersburg, Sonic Drive-In (D&B Properties), Mr. Jack Todd, White & Associates Insurance and West Tennessee Healthcare. *(continued...pg 2)*

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### Dyersburg State Celebrates 45th Anniversary (continued...)



Outstanding Alumnus Brian Staron entertained the crowd during the 45th Anniversary Celebration.



Celebrating 45 years at Dyersburg State Community College. Pictured Front Center: Ms. Helen Eller, L to R Mrs. Barbara Eller, Mr. Ed Eller and Dr. Karen Bowyer



A record-breaking crowd was in attendance for DSCC's 45th Anniversary Celebration on November 8.



A DSCC Photo and memorabilia Gallery was available for viewing during the 45th Anniversary Celebration.



Jacqueline Williams, Wilma Capps and Charlotte Elkins

## DSCC Celebrates Homecoming 2015



2013 - 2014 Homecoming Court Shown (L to R) are: 2nd Maid Jacinda Taylor of Covington Queen, Jennifer Parr of Covington and 1st Maid Justice Mance of Dyersburg

The Dyersburg State Community College Eagles plan to soar against Chattanooga State Community College on February 21 as DSCC celebrates Homecoming 2015.

A queen will be crowned, alumni prizes will be awarded, and great basketball games will be played. The Lady Eagles will tip off at 2:00 p.m. and the Eagles will tip off at 4:00 p.m.

All DSCC alumni are encouraged to participate in this annual event and will be admitted free of charge to the basketball games. The alumni reception room will be open at 1:45 p.m. to all paid alumni and their families in attendance.

In addition, DSCC Alumni will be hosting the Nursing Alumni Reception at 1 pm in the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium Room 152. All nursing alumni will be recognized during halftime of the Lady Eagles game. We are looking for students who graduated from the nursing program at DSCC.

For more information, contact Amy Finch at 731-286-3347.

**Have you paid your dues? All membership fees are used to support the Alumni Scholarship fund. Dues are \$25 per person and \$35 per couple.**

## Shelton Named 2014-2015 Alumni President



*Newly elected President Cole Shelton presents a plaque to Alice Eison for her term as President for 2013-2014.*

On November 8, 2014, the DSCC Alumni Association held its Annual Board Meeting. The meeting was held in the DSCC E.H. Lannon, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. This marks the beginning of the Association's year of activities.

President Alice Eison opened the floor for business. Elected to serve as Alumni Board members for 2014-2017 were: Steve Guttery, Esther Hugueley, Randall Hooker, Luciana Shaw, Suzanne Griggs, Janie Bard, Sabrina Clark, and Sharon Davidson.

Having been elected vice president/president-elect for 2013-14, Cole Shelton of Dyersburg will serve as the association's president for 2014-15. Kristol Sentell was elected vice president/president-elect, and Constance Clay was elected treasurer. All are Dyersburg residents.

The association also approved its Program of Work for 2014-15. Special events for the coming year will include a Homecoming reception for DSCC Alumni in February and an Ice Cream Social for recruiting graduating DSCC students.

During the meeting, Cole Shelton honored Alice Eison with a plaque for her service as 2013-14 President.

The Dyersburg State Alumni Association works to build a strong base of support and loyalty for the College among its graduates and former students. Those who have completed nine semester hours (or their equivalent) are eligible for membership.



*Alumni President Alice Eison addresses the Alumni Board during its Annual Meeting on November 8.*

## DSCC Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

Each academic year the Alumni Association awards scholarships to deserving students. The recipients of the 2014-2015 Alumni Scholarship are Demarius Mason of Ripley, Maurion Newbill of Hayti, MO, Raul Rivera of Dyersburg, Grant Sharp of Nashville, and Jessica Tyus of Atoka.

### HOW TO APPLY for the Alumni Scholarship:

The active members of the DSCC Alumni Association have established this scholarship for deserving students. To be considered for the Alumni Scholarship you must be nominated by an active Dyersburg State Alumni member. Preference will be given to the children of active Dyersburg State Alumni. The student must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and must be enrolled as a full time student. The scholarship may be retained as long as criteria are met each semester for a maximum of four semesters and funding is available. The number of scholarships awarded as well as their monetary value varies from year to year. For more information, contact the Alumni Coordinator at 731-286-3347 for an application or complete the application online at [www.dsc.edu/about/dsc/alumni](http://www.dsc.edu/about/dsc/alumni) or in the Institutional Advancement Office located in the Eller Building room 149 on the Dyersburg campus.

## PTK Inducts New Members at DSCC

Dyersburg State Community College's (DSCC) Alpha Epsilon Alpha (AEA) chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) academic honorary society recently inducted 22 new members at the annual Induction Ceremony on Sunday, November 16. The event was held in the DSCC Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County.



The inductees included: Amanda Adkerson of Ripley, Talia Alley of Dyersburg, David Arnold of Dyersburg, Aurelia Blaydes of Millington, Elizabeth Cogdill of Moscow, Tucker Cozort of Dyersburg, Bart Davis of Atoka, Hayley Gillion of Halls, Terry Howell of Ridgely, Madison Hutcherson of Halls, Richard Keenan of Drummonds, Rhonda Kerns of Atoka, April Mason of Atoka, Ashley McGuire of Dyersburg, Katelyn Moore of Millington, Sonam Patel of Ripley, Amanda Roberts of Atoka, Dakota Simpson of Dyersburg, Timothy Stern of Millington, Alex Sykes of Trimble, Tacara Vaughn of Trimble and Zachary Wells of Newbern.

The induction was led by Chapter President Ashley Bradberry of Atoka. She was assisted by Vice Presidents J.J. Brewer of Tiptonville, Marygrace Burnett of Munford, Lara Beth Cherry of Dyersburg, Diann Dutton of Hornbeak, Roger Dutton of Hornbeak, and Thomas Smith of Obion.

DSCC's Jazz Choir Syncopation provided entertainment at the beginning of the ceremony followed by a warm welcome by DSCC President Karen Bowyer. Dr. Dave Strong, Chapter Advisor, was the guest speaker for the event.

Several DSCC faculty and staff members served as PTK advisors and were recognized during the ceremony. They included Dean of Student Services Larenda Fultz, Professor of Reading and History Dr. Dave Strong, Associate Professor William Northcutt, Nursing Instructor Gina Seratt, JNC Librarian Tanga McCullough, and Transcript Analyst Shawn Gilbreath.

The goal of PTK is to recognize the academic achievements of its members and to provide an opportunity for them to become actively involved in student life at DSCC. As members of the society, students should exemplify its four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. To be invited into membership in the society, students must meet the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher;
- Have completed twelve hours of college-level courses at DSCC;
- Have completed all college preparatory requirements; and
- Be currently enrolled in six semester hours or more as a student at DSCC.

The local AEA chapter has 87 members and was established at DSCC in 1979.





## DSCC Holds 50th Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) recently held its 50th nursing pinning ceremony for 31 nursing graduates on Friday, December 12 at the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. A total of 1,378 nursing students have graduated from DSCC over the past 34 years.

The ceremony began with nursing student Joan Hanks of Covington leading the invocation. Amy Johnson, DSCC Dean of Nursing, opened the ceremony with a welcome and introduction of nursing staff and faculty. "I congratulate you on your successful completion of this educational journey," stated Dean Johnson. "I challenge you to maintain your positive spirit. You have the ability to make this world a better place just because of your presence."

DSCC President Karen Bowyer acknowledged the graduates and congratulated them on their many accomplishments. The nursing pinning ceremony proceeded with the recognition of first year nursing students by instructor Dawn Chalk and Dean Johnson.

Instructor Christy Hamilton introduced class officers including president Kim Hooks of Munford, secretary Joan Hanks of Covington, treasurer Emily Gray of Ripley, and historians Ashley Barnes of Newbern, Meaganne Davis of Newbern and Luisa Smith of Brighton. Student Nursing Association (SNA) officers were announced by instructor Trenna Richardson and included president Wendi Eaves of Dyersburg, vice president Julie James, and secretary Shelby Hutcherson of Munford.

Class president Kim Hooks took the stage to address her fellow classmates and those in attendance. "23 months ago, a group of strangers from different walks of life, walked through the Jimmy Naifeh Center with a common goal," stated Hooks. "Tonight, that group of strangers stands together before you as friends and graduate nurses."

Dr. Bowyer presented the Friend of Nursing Award, chosen by nursing students, to Dr. Melody Smith, Professor of Math. The Scholastic Award, awarded to the two students with the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) at the end of the semester, was presented by Nursing Instructor Gina Seratt to Joan Hanks of Covington who graduated with a 3.87 GPA and to Kate Azlin of Jackson who graduated with a 3.78 GPA. Shane

Cozort of Dyersburg and Surina Jones of Millington were also acknowledged for having high competitive GPA's during their nursing program. The Clinical Practice Award, selected by members of the nursing faculty, was presented by Nursing Instructor Rhonda Roberson to Gary Lyons of Millington. This award is given to the Nursing graduate that possesses such qualities such as the practice of nursing as a humanistic art and science, the recognition of each person as a unique individual and acceptance of legal and ethical professional accountability.

Nursing graduate Wendi Eaves, of Dyersburg, presented the Friendship Award, chosen by class members, to fellow classmate Joan Hanks.

The presentation of students was led by Nursing Instructor Diane Fletcher, followed by the awarding of the nursing pins by Dean Johnson.

Following tradition, each graduate was then given a ceramic replica of the lamp carried by Florence Nightingale. A lamp lighting ceremony was held followed by the reciting of the Nightingale Pledge by all nursing graduates. The benediction was led by nursing graduate Joan Hanks as she and her classmates delivered the Nurses Prayer.



# Come and Support the DSCC Eagles

## January Schedule

Jan. 5	Shawnee CC	W	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	West Kentucky Tech	M	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 16*	Motlow State CC	W&M	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17*	Volunteer State CC	W&M	2:00 & 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Mid-South CC	W	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31*	Southwest TN CC	W&M	2:00 & 4:00 p.m.

## February Schedule

Feb. 4*	Columbia State CC	W&M	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7*	Jackson State CC	W&M	2:00 & 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 20*	Cleveland State CC	W&M	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
<b>Feb. 21*</b>	<b>Chattanooga State CC</b>	<b>W&amp;M</b>	<b>2:00 &amp; 4:00 p.m.**</b>

\* Denotes Conference Games / \*\* Homecoming / W= Women M=Men



## 2015 College Calendar

For additional dates, please check the DSCC website.

### January 2015

- 1/10- DSCC vs West Kentucky Technical College, 4 pm & 6 pm, Gym floor
- 1/12- Application deadline for Spring 2015 ; Last day to apply for admission or readmissions
- 1/13- Leadership Dyer County Education Day, 8:30 - 10:30 am
- 1/13- Open House for New Students, 2 - 4 pm, Jimmy Naifeh Center
- 1/15- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Gym. Tickets are available at Business Office.
- 1/15- Open House for New Students, 2 - 4 pm, Student Center & LRC
- 1/16- Spring Update for Faculty and Staff, 1:00 - 4:30 pm, Student Center
- 1/16- DSCC vs Motlow State Community College, 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm, Gym floor
- 1/17- DSCC vs Volunteer State Community College, 2 pm & 4 pm, Gym floor
- 1/19- Last day to receive a 100% refund
- 1/19- College closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 1/20- Classes begin including DSCC Online & RODP**
- 1/21- Last day to register or add classes**
- 1/27- DSCC Alumni Officers meeting, Noon, Eller 236A**
- 1/27- DSCC Lady Eagles vs Mid-South Community College, 6 pm & 8 pm, Gym floor
- 1/31- DSCC vs Southwest TN Community College, 2 pm & 4 pm, Gym floor

### February 2015

- 2/2- End of 75% refund period
- 2/4- DSCC vs. Southwest TN Community College, 2 pm & 4 pm - Gym floor
- 2/7- DSCC vs. Jackson State Community College, 2 pm & 4 pm - Gym floor
- 2/10- Leadership Dyer County Education Day (Youth), 8:30 - 10:30 am
- 2/10- College Transfer Fair, 9 am - 12 pm, Glover Building 1st floor
- 2/16- End of 25% refund period - (date may differ for RODP)
- 2/17- College Transfer Fair, 9 am - 12 pm, JNC, Baptist Memorial Health Care Building, Covington
- 2/20- DSCC vs. Cleveland State Community College, 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm, Gym floor
- 2/21- HOMECOMING!! DSCC vs. Chattanooga State Community College, 2 pm & 4 pm - Gym floor**
- 2/24- DSCC Alumni Board Meeting, Noon, SBCLC, Cont. Ed. Classroom**

### March 2015

- 3/3- Dyer County High School Senior Day, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Dyersburg campus
- 3/4- Cuba presentation by Dr. Teri Maddox, 6 - 7 pm, LRC, Dyersburg
- 3/9- 3/15- Spring Break - No day or evening classes**
- 3/10- Spanish Feria, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Gymnasium, LRC Room 142, Student Center, Glover Building
- 3/13-3/14- Tae Kwon Do Seminar, 8:30 am - 10:00 pm, Gym & Student Center, Dyersburg
- 3/16- 3/20- Dyersburg & Dyer County Schools Spring Break
- 3/24- DSCC Alumni Officers meeting, Noon, Eller 236A**
- 3/26-3/28- Theater Production "The Diviners," 7 - 10 pm, FCNB Auditorium, Campus Activity Building

DSCC has a fan page on Facebook. Information for students and community members is posted here on a regular basis.

**Here's the Scoop.**  
According to our by-laws, those who graduate from DSCC are eligible for a one-year Alumni Association membership with the annual fee waived.