

DSCC Alumni & Friends

Summer Quarter 2015

Newsletter of Dyersburg State Community College



DSCC Holds 45th Annual Commencement Ceremony

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) held its 45th annual commencement exercises on May 9, at 2 p.m., at the Dyer County High School gymnasium. The graduating class consisted of 388 candidates for degrees and certificates with 216 of those candidates graduating with honors.



Dr. Karen Bowyer, President of DSCC, congratulates Ken Jones, Associate Professor of Biology, upon his retirement at DSCC.

DSCC President Karen Bowyer made welcoming remarks to the graduates and those in attendance. She then recognized several retiring DSCC employees including Betty Anderson, Kenneth Jones, Dr. Dave Strong, and Beverlee Weatherly. Graduates in the Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) international honor society were also recognized at this time. Dr. Bowyer then welcomed the Honorable Rebecca Reeves, a Student Regent and 2014 DSCC Alumna, who spoke on behalf of the Tennessee Board of Regents and congratulated the 2015 DSCC graduates.



Dr. Dave Strong, Professor of History and Learning Support, was presented with a plaque during the College's Commencement Ceremony by Dr. Karen Bowyer, President of DSCC, in honor of his recent retirement.

Lara Beth Cherry of Dyersburg, 2014-2015 Student Government Association (SGA) President, introduced Roger Taylor as this year's commencement speaker. Roger Taylor, President Emeritus of Knox College and of Counsel Kirkland and Ellis LLP, grew up on a farm in western Illinois. He graduated from Knox College, where President Bowyer was one of his classmates. After serving in the Navy for three and a half years, he attended Northwestern University Law School. He practiced law in Chicago for thirty years with Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he remains of counsel. In 2001, he became President of Knox College, retiring in 2011. Taylor has honorary degrees from Carl Sandburg Community College and Knox College. He and his wife Anne live on the farm in western Illinois where he grew up. In his Address to the DSCC graduates, Taylor stated, "As an outsider that has been in higher education for many years, you should be proud of this incredible institution you are receiving your degree or certificate from. I know that a good many of you had doubts and apprehensions when you started here. I remind you of these apprehensions and want to say that by overcoming them, you have proven to yourselves that you could do it. This is a new beginning and you should be proud of your terrific accomplishments."

Closing remarks were made by Cole Shelton, President of the DSCC Alumni Association.



The Honorable Rebecca Reeves of Friendship, Student Regent and DSCC Alumna, spoke on behalf of the Tennessee Board of Regents.



Lara Beth Cherry of Dyersburg, Student Government Association President, addresses the audience.



Guest speaker Roger Taylor, President Emeritus of Knox College and of Counsel Kirkland and Ellis LLP, addresses DSCC's 2015 graduates.



Alumni President Cole Shelton gave closing remarks to the DSCC's 2015 graduates.

Featured Outstanding Alumni: Brent Tharpe Giving back to DSCC



Brent Tharpe, 2009 Outstanding Alumnus, is a former police officer with the Dyersburg Police Department in Dyersburg, TN. Brent's last assignment with the department was as an investigator with the Family Service Unit. He spent over a decade in the specialized unit working all forms of child physical and sexual abuse; child death; child abduction; child prostitution; child neglect; child pornography; internet crimes against children; all crimes committed by and against juveniles; elderly neglect, physical, and sexual abuse; stalking, sexual assaults, and rape cases against all adults; and many other major and minor types of crimes.

As a trainer, Brent has trained federal, state, and local law enforcement officers across the nation. In the private sector, Brent has trained doctors, nurses, attorneys, social workers, daycare owners and staff, school teachers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church leaders and members, business owners and many others in the areas of violence against women and children and leadership.

As a student, Brent received an Associate of Applied Science in Justice Services from Dyersburg State Community College; a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Martin, and will receive his Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Bethel University in 2015.

On May 30, Brent gave a presentation on Human Trafficking in the 21st Century for the Division of Continuing Education's program 'Great Decisions 2015'. The Great Decisions forum is an annual series offered to promote foreign policy awareness and to encourage debate and discussion of important global issues.

Facts about Human Trafficking

1. Anyone can be a victim of trafficking.
2. Two types of trafficking are labor and sex. Males are used for labor and females are used for sex.
3. Traffickers use violence, threats, lies and debt bondage.
4. Victims of labor trafficking must work long hours with little to no wages. The top three industries for labor trafficking is domestic worker, traveling sales crew and restaurant/food service. The industries for child trafficking is pimp controlled prostitutions, escort services, pornography, commercial front and residential brothel, personal sexual servitude, strip clubs and peddling ring.
5. There is a real fear of the police, of being arrested and deported and being killed.
6. The top 3 venues for sex trafficking: commercial front brothel, internet and hotel/motel.
7. Trafficking Resources:
 - National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 888-373-7888
 - Dyer County Sheriff's Office: 731-285-2802
 - Dyersburg Police Department: 731-285-1212
 - Newbern Police Department: 731-627-2571

For more information on trafficking contact Brent at 731-287-1962 or brent@tharpeconsulting.com.

Alumni Note

**Do you have good news to share?
Send it to clay@dsc.edu and we
will include it in a future issue of
our newsletter.**

**We're counting on you to join the DSCC Alumni Association.
By joining you help provide scholarships to students attending DSCC.
Dues are \$25 per person or \$35 per couple.**

**Please send your dues to:
DSCC Institutional Advancement
Attn: Constance Clay
1510 Lake Road
Dyersburg, TN 38024**

Greenlee and King Honored As Outstanding Alumni



Michelle King, President Cole Shelton, and Kimberly Greenlee

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) named Kimberly Greenlee of Jackson and Michelle King of Dyersburg as Outstanding Alumni at the College's Annual Spring Conference event for faculty and staff on Thursday, April 2. On hand to present the awards was DSCC President Karen Bowyer and DSCC Alumni Association President Cole Shelton.

Kimberly Greenlee obtained her degree in Licensed Practical Nursing in 2009 while attending Tennessee Technology Center. She then earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing from Dyersburg State in 2011. She later attended the University of Tennessee at Martin where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Kimberly is currently on track to obtain a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center this year.

Upon graduation at Dyersburg State, Kimberly worked at Jackson County Madison County General Hospital as a Registered Nurse. While employed there, she received the Employee of the Month Award amongst her peers. She has been employed at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis since 2013 as a Registered Nurse.

"I liked the friendliness of the staff, the size of the classes, and the encouragement to succeed while attending Dyersburg State Community College," stated Kimberly.

Michelle King received her Associate of Science in General Studies from Dyersburg State in 1983. She received a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics with a concentration in Education and Child Development from The University of Tennessee at Martin in 1985. Michelle pursued and earned a Master of Science in Family Relations and Child Development from Oklahoma State University in 1987.

Michelle's past work experience has included positions such as Director of the Hutchinson Community College Child Development Lab Center in Hutchinson, Kansas and Director of Jewish-Barnes hospital Child Care Center in St. Louis, Missouri. She is currently the Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Dyer County High School and also serves as an Adjunct Instructor for the Early Education Program at Dyersburg State.

Michelle belongs to the Delta Kappa Gamma National Teacher's Society, the Dyer County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association.

She also participates on the local, national, and state level of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America organization. Within this organization she has been a sponsor of the Gridiron Girls as well as a District, Regional and State Star Events Judge and an Advisor Representative for the State Leadership Conference.

She is a coach for the varsity football cheerleading program at Dyer County High School and serves on the Dyer County High School Advisory Committee, the Dyer County Fair Association Sorghum Valley Christmas Committee, and has served as a board member on the DSCC Alumni Board.

She has been awarded Dyer County High School's Teacher of the Year Award for the 2008-2009 and 2015-2016 academic years, as well as the Dyer County School District Grade 9-12 Teacher of the Year Award for the 2015-2016 academic year.

"Dyersburg State gave me the foundation and guidance that I needed to start my educational goals," stated Michelle. "It gave me the confidence in studies and myself and prepared me to advance to the university level. My confidence in Dyersburg State transferred to my children as they obtained dual enrollment classes in high school before transferring to their chosen universities. This gave them a jump-start to college while still in high school and close to home. I am honored to receive this award from Dyersburg State, but mostly grateful that we are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to have a higher level educational facility to offer to the citizens of our community."

2015 Nursing Pinning and Commencement Highlights





Join us for Open House

For New Student Orientation

DSCC will host several Open Houses: New Student Orientation events for upcoming and potential students this summer at all DSCC locations. TN Promise students are required to attend an Open House event **in person** in order to fulfill their scholarship requirement. All new students are encouraged to visit the DSCC campus and/or centers during Open House events. These events are designed to help you have a stress-free start to college.

- **DSCC Dyersburg campus: June 10, July 14 & August 20 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., DSCC Student Center.**
- **DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County: June 11, July 16 & August 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., DSCC Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building.**
- **DSCC Gibson County Center: August 19 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., GCC Lobby.**

To register for Open House, go to www.dsc.edu and click on the red “Make an Appointment “ button to reserve your spot! Non-TN Promise students If you cannot attend an Open House event in person, get the information on-line at www.dsc.edu/orientation.

Students will be able to meet with advisors and instructors, get information about financial aid, tour the campus, learn about academic programs offered, obtain Student ID and parking passes, and learn about student life and organizations. Students, parents and legal guardians are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Sherry Baker at 731-286-3242 or sdbaker@dsc.edu.

DSCC's College for Kids 2015



The DSCC Division of Continuing Education will offer College for Kids at all DSCC locations:

June 8 - June 12 - DSCC Campus
Dyersburg
9:00 am - Noon

June 22 - June 26 - Jimmy Naifeh Center
at Tipton County, Covington
9:00 am - Noon

July 13 - July 17 - Gibson County Center
Trenton
9:00 am - Noon

For more information or to register, contact Teresa Evans at 731-286-3267 or tevans@dsc.edu.

College Credits for...

Veterans

Attention Veterans! Did you know you may be awarded college credit for your service in the military?

Students who plan to receive educational benefits through the Veterans Administration must provide documentation concerning all prior learning, including, but not limited to, transcripts from all regionally- accredited colleges and universities.

A student who has completed six months or more of continuous full-time active military service will be awarded two credit hours of physical education activity credit upon presentation of a copy of the service member's report of separation (DD214) indicating an honorable discharge.

Credit may also be awarded for other types of prior learning. It is the student's responsibility to inform the Office of Records about any prior learning and to see that official documents are submitted to that office. Please note that "official" transcripts and test scores are those sent directly to the Office of Records from the issuing institution or agency.

Educational benefits through the Veterans Affairs may not be paid until the service member desiring to attend DSCC has met all admissions requirements and has been admitted to a degree-seeking or approved certificate program. For more information about receiving credit for prior learning, contact the Office of Records at 731-286-331 or the Veterans Affairs Counselor at 731-286-3350.

Life and Work Experience

Save time and money!

Earn up to 30 semester hours of credit towards your degree through Prior Learning Assessment at DSCC!

Examples of prior learning credit include:

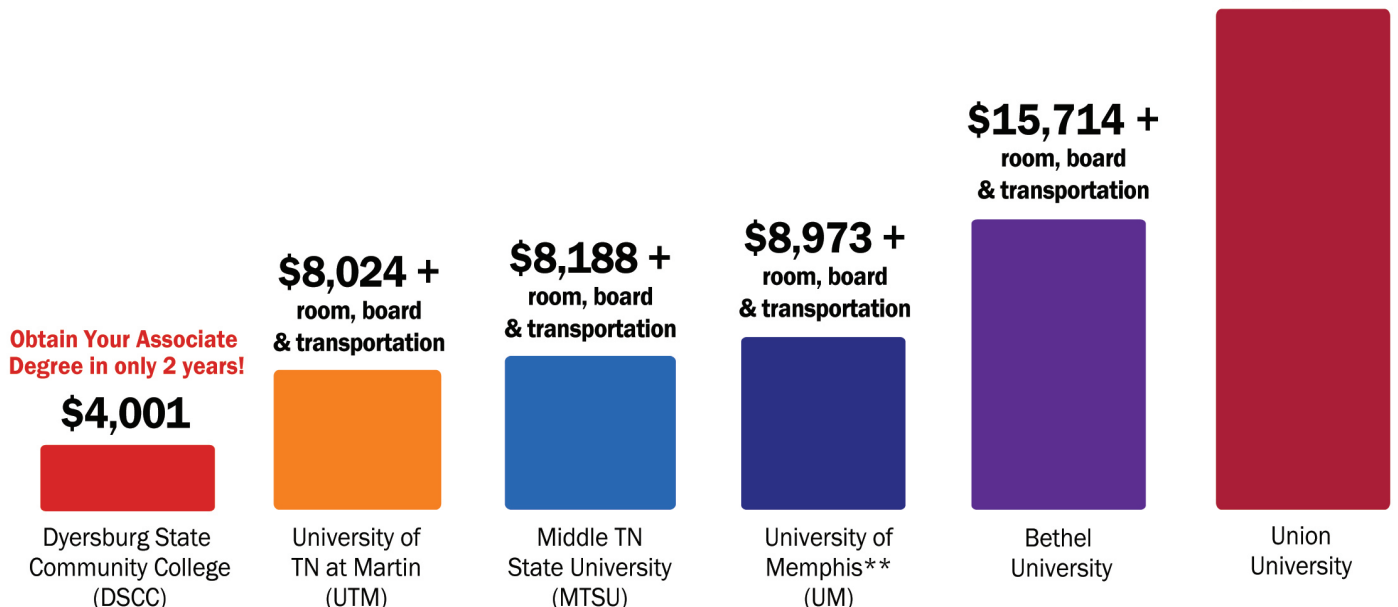
- Advanced Placement
- Armed Forces Credit
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Credit for Certified Administrative Professional (CAP) Rating
- Credit for English Composition Based on ACT Scores
 - Credit by Department Examination
- Credit for Learning through Life Experience
- Credit for Tennessee Law Enforcement/Corrections Academy

For more information, contact Pat Walker at 731-286-3331 or walker@dsc.edu

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Dyersburg State Community College

Ed Lannom, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, August 14, 2015

The Farms Golf Club

We invite you to take part in this friend-making and fund-raising event hosted by Dyersburg State Community College to benefit our athletic programs. Unfunded mandates have caused DSCC to make budget cuts in a number of areas including athletics. As you know, the opportunity to participate in sports while in college helps build the total individual and complements an education.

Friday afternoon, August 14, 2015
The Farms Golf Club, Dyersburg, TN

YOU COULD WIN **\$1,000,000**

Want to win \$1,000,000? The top 2 winners of the "Closest to the Pin" contest will have a chance to win the \$1,000,000 prize!

Plus win 4 FREE rounds of golf at The Farms!
Everyone who registers and pays to play by 3:00 P.M. on Wed., August 12, will be entered into a drawing to win 4 FREE rounds of golf at The Farms Golf Club.

(This prize is non-transferrable).

Other Contests Available

- **Celebrity Putter**
- **Putting Contest**
 - **Hole in One**
 - **Longest Drive**
- **Closest to the Pin**
- **Daly Hole for \$20**

Details:

- Four person scramble
- 18-hole play
- Shotgun start at 1:00 P.M.
- Formatting to be determined by The Farms Golf Club
- All golfers must wear soft spikes and a collared shirt

Team Entry Fees include:

- Catered lunch (starts at 11:30 A.M.)
- Cart usage
- All fees and sponsorships are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- Limit of 32 teams for afternoon play.

Please contact us at 731-286-3349 or clay@dscc.edu

2015 College Calendar

For additional dates, please check the DSCC website.

June 2015

- 6/17 - End of 25% refund period for full term classes; attendance reporting
- 6/19 - Last day to drop or withdraw from 1st session with a "W" or change to audit
- 6/22 - 6/26- DSCC Summer Basketball Camp, 8:00 - 11:30 am, DSCC Gym
- 6/29 - Application deadline for 2nd session classes-last day to apply for admission or readmission

July 2015

- 7/4 - College closed for observance of Independence Day
- 7/5 - Last day to register or add 2nd session classes
- 7/13 - 7/31- Skill Builders Bridge Program, 8 am - 4 pm, Glover 200, 203, 218, and Math 165, 166
- 7/13 - 7/17- Continuing Ed's College for Kids, 9 am - 12 pm, GCC, Trenton
- 7/14 - Open House for New Students, 2 - 4 pm, Student Center, Dyersburg
- 7/14 - Last day to drop or withdraw from full term classes with a "W" or change to audit
- 7/16 - Open House for New Students, 2 - 4 pm, JNC, Auditorium BMHCAB
- 7/26 - Last day to drop or withdraw from 2nd session classes with a "W" or change to audit

August 2015

- 8/14 - **DSCC Annual Golf Tournament benefiting DSCC Athletic Department, tee off at 1 pm, The Farms Golf Course, Dyersburg, TN**
- 8/17 - Application deadline for Fall 2015-last day to apply for admission or readmission if you were not enrolled Spring or Summer 2015
- 8/18 - Open House for New Students, 2 - 4 pm, JNC, Auditorium BMHCAB
- 8/19 - Open House for New Students, 2 - 4 pm, GCC Lobby, Trenton
- 8/20 - Open House for New Students, 2 - 4 pm, Student Center & Dyersburg campus
- 8/21 - Fall Update for Faculty & Staff, 8 - 11 am, Student Center
- 8/24 - Classes begin
- 8/25 - Last day to register or add classes

September 2015

- 9/6 - End of 75% refund period (may differ from RODP); last day to remove "I" grade from Spring or Summer 2015
- 9/7 - 9/12- Dyer County Fair, Dyersburg Fair Grounds
- 9/7 - College Closed in observance of Labor Day

Alumni Dues

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.

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.



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Dyersburg State Community College's policy on nondiscrimination can be found at <http://www.dsc.edu/node/6332>. PUB 06_15_311

Alumni Association Board Members

2014-2015 DSCC Alumni Association Officers
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