

Annual Service Awards Presented

Congratulations are in order for 34 faculty and staff who were recognized at the spring faculty meeting for their service to the College. On behalf of the DSC Foundation, **Mr. David Elrod**, Foundation Director, and DSC President, **Dr. John Schwenn**, presented the following service awards:

For 25 years of service:

Joe Baxter and Celeste Humphrey

For 20 years of service:

Debbie Gilbert and Carolyn Jensen

For 15 years of service:

David Carlton, Judy Cornett, Don Davis, Ken Ellinger, Lynda Jenkins, John Pareti, Lana Sweeney, and Gail Ward

For 10 years of service:

Chris Bedwell, Randall Griffus, Sharon Hixon, Joe Jackson, Andy Meyer, Barbara Murray, Monte Salyer, and Susan West

For 5 years of service:

Scott Bailey, Kathy Carroll, Nick Carty, Robin Cleeland, Sheila Coley, David Elrod, Fernando Garcia, Brenda McMurray, Scott McNabb, Ricky Noverola, Joey Pepper, Lorena Sins, Jerry Stockard, and Cecile De Rocher

Graduation 2009



June Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Mason
- Mariela Velazquez
- 4 Tom Veve
- 5 David Farrow
- 8 Dudd Dempsey
- Andrea Roberson
- 9 Jennifer Harris
- 17 Melissa Whitesell
- 18 Sherry Richardson
- 23 Amy Schmidt
- 24 Art Sutton
- 25 Faith Miller
- 26 Billy Gee
- 27 Dana Trowell

Birthday Spotlight



Faith Miller

Director of Human Resources

What are your job responsibilities?

I handle all aspects of HR and oversee the Payroll Department.

What do you like best about your job?

Working with our employees and helping them when they have problems.

What do people on campus not know about what you or someone in your position does?

That most of the issues I deal with are confidential. Confidentiality is a very important aspect of any Human Resource position.

How long have you been employed at Dalton State?

It will be twelve years in July.

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Campus Watch

At the spring conference of the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, **Ms. Dianne Cox**, Director of Financial Aid and Veteran Services, won the association's 2009 "Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to Students" for her work with the Georgia College Goal Sunday program. During the conference which was held in May, Ms. Cox also presented a session entitled "Updates to the Rule Book: 2009-2010 FAFSA Changes."



Ms. Dianne Cox

Dr. Charles D. Johnson, Dean for the School of Technology, had an article entitled "In Praise of Manufacturing" published in the May/June 2009 issue of *Dalton Magazine*, a bimonthly publication of the North Georgia Newspaper Group.



Dr. Charles Johnson

Dr. Lourdes Diaz Soto, The Goizueta Endowed Chair, will present at the 17th International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Conference in Bethlehem City, Palestine, in June with Dr. Beth Blue Swadener from Arizona State University. Their presentation is entitled "Integrating Pedagogies of Hope in a Violent Post-Modern World." Professor Soto also served as a member of the program committee for the conference.



Dr. Lourdes Diaz Soto

Dr. Jane Wimmer, Instructor of Social Work, recently led a research team of 11 social workers and child welfare experts for 10 days in Zambia looking at the impact of HIV/AIDS on families and children. Team members used four languages to conduct 51 interviews and are now analyzing data on 142 infants who have been served by a community feeding program. The first report on their research, which was funded in part by the Amway Foundation, will be released in August.



Dr. Jane Wimmer

Transitions

Farewell to

Tina Haven and Lavada Kilgore
Plant Operations

Faith Miller *continued . . .*

Where did you grow up, and where have you lived?

I grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and in addition to Ohio and Georgia, I have lived in the Republic of Panama, Chicago, Detroit, and Chattanooga.

Whom do you call family?

My husband, Cliff, and I will be married 40 years in June. We have a married daughter who is a graduate of our Dalton State School of Nursing. Our son is a CPA and lives with his wife and our two red-headed granddaughters in Maryland. We also have a cocker spaniel named Daisy.

What do you do in your spare time?

I have been a member of the Song of Atlanta Show Chorus for 10 years and a member of the Sweet Adelines for 20 years. We rehearse in Atlanta every Tuesday night and perform all over the area. The Sweet Adelines is made up of 120 women, and we are the sixth best chorus in the world! We are getting ready to record our fifth CD. I also love to needle point and read.

Do you have a favorite book or author?

Anne Tyler. I have read everything that she has written.

What has been your favorite vacation?

I love the beach, so any vacation that takes me to the water is good!

Of what are you most proud?

When I started at DSC, I was a one-person payroll and personnel office. I am proud to see how I've helped the Payroll and Human Resources Departments grow as the College has grown.

What words of wisdom would you give to students these days?

As a former English major and someone who talks to prospective employees, I would tell students to make sure that they concentrate on their English courses. Good grammar is essential in making a good first impression with an employer.

If you were stranded on a desert island and could only take on item, what would it be?

A good book.