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PCC WELCOMES FULBRIGHT VISITING SPECIALIST, DR. SHAHEENA BHATTI

Six-week stay offers great opportunity for
Person and Caswell County residents



Piedmont Community College welcomed its first Fulbright Visit Specialist, **Dr. Shaheena Bhatti**, to Roxboro on Saturday, August 23. She will participate in PCC and community activities throughout her six-week stay, which comes to a close on October 1.

A resident of Islamabad, Pakistan, Dr. Bhatti was selected for the Fulbright Visiting Specialists: Direct Access to the Muslim World, offered through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. PCC applied and received a grant for this program and selected Dr. Bhatti as our Visiting Specialist. Dr. Bhatti has a Ph.D. in Stylistics from National University of Modern Language (Pakistan) and teaches English Language, Literature and Applied Linguistics at that university.

Dr. Bhatti began her visit by meeting with President's Club members on Wednesday, August 27. She



Dr. Shaheena Bhatti presents to the President's Club members (top)
National University of Modern Language,
Dr. Bhatti's home institution (bottom)
<http://www.numl.edu.pk/>

discussed the education system in Pakistan and similarities and differences between it and the American system.

This event was the first of many that Dr. Bhatti will be presenting at while visiting Piedmont Community College. Through classroom and informal discussions, she will talk with PCC students about Islamic women's issues, Pakistani films, globalization, the history of Islam and the relationship between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT OVERCOMING LEARNING BARRIERS

By Bonnie Davis, Director
Public Information, PCC



Despite a language barrier, Michaela Haugabrook attend PCC and earned her Associate Degree in Business Administration in 2000.

"Like many PCC students, **Michaela Haugabrook** had been out of school for 20 years when she came to PCC in 1996 to take just one class. However, unlike most PCC students, Michaela faced a major language challenge. "I was scared to death; I had never been to an English school," she recalled.

A native Puerto Rican, Michaela was educated in Europe, where she attended a French-speaking school. Following the European education model of either going to university or training for a career through an apprenticeship, she completed an apprenticeship in hotel and restaurant management. She came to North

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BROOKS RECEIVES 2008 PRESIDENT'S AWARD, ENDOWMENTS ANNOUNCED AT PRESIDENT'S CLUB SOCIAL

Harold Brooks has been involved with Piedmont Community College and a member of the **President's Club** since 1981. He has shown a tremendous amount of support and dedication to the Person County community and Piedmont Community College. Known by friends as the "Mayor of Timberlake", Mr. Brooks hosts a stew luncheon every March for



Dr. H. James Owen, Mr. Harold Brooks and Mr. Ronnie Bugnar at President's Club Social

anyone interested in enjoying good company and good food.

His commitment to education goes beyond being a President's Club member. He has been a strong member of the Foundation Board

where he served on the finance committee. In addition to his service, Mr. Brooks created the **Anne Rogers Brooks Memorial Scholarship Endowment** in memory of his loving wife in 1993. Then, in 2005, he created a second endowment in memory of his parents, **Thomas Gold and Maude Meadows Brooks**.

"Harold is always one to share a hand shake and a smile – he is a true delight to be around", notes **Dr. Owen**. "As a dedicated citizen of Person County and a true leader for our institution, we are pleased to recognize Harold Brooks as the 2008 President's Award recipient."

In addition, President's Club members were introduced to six new scholarship endowments:

- ♦ **Royal Jackson and Carrie Crumpton Rogers Memorial Scholarship Endowment** - established by their children and awarded for the first time during the 2008-2009 scholarship round.
- ♦ **S. Ray and Nancy Crews Scholarship Endowment** - established by **Piedmont Maintenance and Services of Roxboro, Inc.**, along with **Brian and Stan Crews** and awarded for the first time during the 2008-2009 scholarship round.
- ♦ **Elbert Lee Moore and Mary Ballenger Moore, RN Memorial Scholarship Endowment** - established by a Person County native; to be awarded during the 2009-2010 scholarship round.
- ♦ **Andrew Jackson "Jack" Hester, Sr. and Mabel Moore Hester Memorial Scholarship Endowment** - established by a Person County native; to be awarded during the 2009-2010 scholarship round.
- ♦ **Charlie James "C.J." White and Vera Moore White, LPN Memorial Scholarship Endowment** - established by a Person County native; to be awarded during the 2009-2010 scholarship round.
- ♦ **Mary Ruth Moore Gentry Memorial Scholarship Endowment** - established by a Person County native; to be awarded during the 2009-2010 scholarship round.

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Dr. Bhatti will also address high school students, various civic organizations, such as Women's Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club and the Lion's Club. In addition, presentations will be made at several public events, including:

- Sept 8** - Person County Public Library, community room, 4 p.m.
Program: Islamic Culture - call 597-7833 for more information
- Sept 10** - Good Morning Coffee Hour, Golden Corral, 8 a.m.
Program: Islamic Culture
- Sept 10** - Roxboro Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Program: Islamic Culture and Muslim Religion
- Sept 15** - Gunn Memorial Library, Yanceyville, 5:15 p.m.
Program: The Role of Islamic Women in Pakistani Life - call 694-4779 for more information



**President's Club Breakfast,
Wednesday, August 27**

For additional information about the Fulbright Program, visit <http://fulbright.state.gov/>



PCC ALUMNI HOST EXAM BREAK FOR STUDENTS

By Phyliss Boatwright
 Courier Times Staff Writer
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The first ever **Piedmont Community College Alumni Partnership Exam Break** was a huge success, according to organizers, with 250 hotdog lunches served and 138 students recruited as new PCC Alumni Partners.

The idea for the break came after Alumni Cabinet members held a retreat in January.

"We met and established goals for the year. One of the goals is to develop a closer relationship between the Partnership and the current students," said **Patti Clayton**, PCC Alumni Partnership coordinator. "We want the current students to know that they are a part of the Alumni Partnership and can participate with us since our definition of alumni is anyone who has completed a course at PCC."

"Also," said Clayton, "we want them to remember the college and come back to serve, share and support after they graduate."



Alumni Partnership volunteers sign up new members at Exam Break, 2008.

The Exam Break was a hotdog lunch for current students. They received an Exam Survival Kit which included a highlighter, pen and note pad as well as tips for exam taking.

The Exam Break was held on the courtyard on the Person County campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Partnership estimates over 200 students participated in the first event.

"We plan to alternate between the Person and Caswell campuses to have an Exam Break every semester," said Clayton. "Next year, we will have Exam Breaks for day and evening students." Clayton said she and the college were grateful to all who helped make this first Exam Break a hit.

"I do believe that this event was successful in the pursuit of developing a relationship with our current students," she said.

PCC Alumni Partnership Raffle

The **PCC Alumni Partnership** will be sponsoring a raffle beginning in September. Prizes include a **Bob Timberlake print entitled "Island Colors"**, **\$100 gas card** or **\$50 in cash**. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit the PCC Alumni Partnership Scholarship fund. The drawing for the prizes will be held in late November. If you are interested in buying or selling tickets, please contact **Patti Clayton** at (336) 599-1181 or alumni@piedmontcc.edu

REMEMBERING WILLIAM GREEN

On Monday, August 18th, Piedmont Community College lost a founding member of the Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors. **Bill Green's** passing marks the end of an era in the history of PCC.

Bill served 28 years on the Board of Trustees and 30 years on the Foundation Board, and chaired the Finance Committee of both Boards. A strong gentleman with an infectious smile, this World War II veteran was a great friend to the College and Roxboro and Person County. He will be greatly missed

- Dr. H. James Owen

In an effort to continue Bill Green's work at Piedmont Community College, the PCC Foundation will establish a scholarship endowment in his name. Fellow Board member **Tom Gilliam** has announced his gift to begin the endowment and has challenged the PCC Foundation Board to match the funds raised in Bill Green's memory.

To make a contribution to the **Bill Green Memorial Scholarship Endowment**, please send your gift to:

PCC Foundation
 Bill Green Memorial
 Post Office Box 1101
 Roxboro, NC 27573

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Carolina from Germany and ended up working in Roxboro. She has been employed at **Royal Park Uniforms** in Prospect Hill for 12 years and is the company's customer service manager.

"I came to PCC because there was one class I wanted to take," she said. "And I honestly don't know what happened, but before I knew it I was signed up for a degree program. So I just went for it!"

"I encourage anybody at any age to go forward and take advantage of the possibilities that PCC has given people. You're never too old or too young to learn."

Michaela received her **Associate Degree in Business Administration** in 2000 and admits that the accomplishment was important to her. "I like to learn; I soak it up like a sponge whenever I get to do so," she said. "So to earn my degree made me feel good, and it was important to me that I actually followed through. It took me three and a half-years, but I did it. My daughter was proud of me, too, and that was good. It was a challenge, but it was a good one."

She credits the encouragement she received from some PCC faculty and staff with helping her succeed in going back to school while continuing to work. "The instructors were great. It was a great atmosphere and was almost like coming home," she said. "I encourage anybody at any age to go forward and take advantage of the possibilities that PCC has given people. You're never too old or too young to learn. "

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19th Annual Golf Classic ♦ October 2, 2008

Join us for the 19th Annual Golf Classic at the Roxboro Country Club!

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- * Acknowledged at reception
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- * Four (4) playing spots
- * Lunch & dinner reception for players

Ace: \$350

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- * Recognition in 2009 brochure
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- * Lunch & dinner reception for player

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- * Recognition in 2009 brochure
- * Two (2) playing spots
- * Lunch & dinner reception for players

Hole Sponsorship: \$250

- * Sponsor signage at tournament
- * Recognition in 2009 brochure

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Call Beth at (336) 599-1181, ext. 204



Upcoming Events:



The Big Read KICK-OFF

Saturday, Sept. 13, 1 p.m.

Rock of Ages Winery & Vineyards

Read, Think About & Discuss
"The Grapes of Wrath."

Appearances by the keynote speaker,
Susan G. Shillinglaw, Scholar in
Residence - National Steinbeck Center
and other local and state celebrities.

For more event information,
visit www.bigreadnc.org

