The Class of 2008 PHCC Distinguished Alumni includes (l-r) Roger Anglin ('66), Barry Helmstutler ('73, '83), Rhonda Howell (78), Joyce Martin ('89), Pam Allen ('78), Clarence Monday ('98), Joyce Staples ('73), and Wayne Slate (77).

The Second Annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner was hosted by the PHCC Foundation on May 2 at Chatmoss Country Club. To read more about the honorees, turn to page 2.

Acting Out
No Curtain Call for Corbin Campbell

As he was striding down the stairs toward the stage in the Walker Fine Arts/Student Center Theatre, cell phone plastered to his ear, Corbin Campbell threw back over his shoulder: “This is like walking through time.”

Campbell (’99), who had been on hold for 20 minutes (“It’s an important call.”), was heading to rehearsal for the TheatreWorks production of “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown.” Only this time, he wouldn’t be on the stage acting, but in front of it, directing.

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Campbell knows the PHCC stage and greenroom well, having earned his Associate in Arts and Science Degree in General Studies: Performing Arts and playing roles in six shows.

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PHCC students in 1978 form a “Human Pyramid” on the stage in the gym in Stone Hall, now named Collins Gym in recognition of a donation from Bill and Susan Collins. See related story on page 7.
"It gives me a warm feeling ..."

PHCC celebrates its alumni

The annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner, now in its second year, is hosted by the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation to recognize PHCC alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and their communities. This year’s event was held May 2 at Chatmoss Country Club.

Honorees are Pamela J. Allen of Martinsville, Roger Anglin of Roanoke, Barry Helmstuter of Bassett, Rhonda Howell of Martinsville, Joyce Martin of Ridgeway, Clarence Monday of Martinsville, R. Wayne Sate of Bassett, and Joyce C. Staples of Martinsville. Distinguished alumni were nominated by friends, family, and faculty and staff at PHCC.

“It is so rewarding to be able to acknowledge the successes of PHCC alumni. It is a privilege to be able to honor them at the dinner,” said Natalie Harder, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the PHCC Foundation.

Pam Allen graduated from PHCC in 1978 with an Associate in Science in Business Management. She went on to earn a Bachelors in Business Administration from James Madison University and continued her education in the Lawyers Assistant program at The National Center for Paralegal Training. She is program coordinator for Grace Network, a local nonprofit that helps people with emergency assistance to meet basic life needs such as food and shelter.

“I had great instructors ... I should have placed out of the (300 level class at MU in math) as Mr. Davis had done a good job... most every thing I had taken in the 200 level had placed me...I made the curve.

“It’s a great honor. We’re all very proud of PHCC in our area.”

Roger Anglin completed 52 hours of studies at PHCC in 1966 before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from the University of Virginia. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Director of Taxation for Brown Edwards and Company in Roanoke.

“My time at Patrick Henry really prepared me to go on to the University of Virginia. Patrick Henry is a great school. It was just starting when I was here but achieved a level of excellence very quickly. It was great preparation for the future,” Anglin said.

“Does anybody remember Liberty Street University?”

Anglin is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and has been designated as an Accredited Estate Planner by the National Association of Estate Planning Councils. He is a recipient of the E. Price Ripley Memorial Foundation Distinguished Service Award and has been voted by his peers as Super CPA in areas of corporate taxation and estates and trusts.

Barry Helmstuter earned a Certificate in General Business and an Associate in Applied Science in 1973 and 1983, respectively. He continued his education at Averett University, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. He also completed the Graduate School of Sales and Marketing at Syracuse University. Helmstuter worked for 25 years in senior management at VF Imagewear (formerly Bassett Walker, Inc.) and is currently Senior Planner for Commonwealth Laminating. He is a past member and Board Chairman of the PHCC Board of Directors and is an active member of the Bassett Kiwanis Club. He currently serves on the Henry County Industrial Development Authority.

“I know for a fact that I would not have a bachelor's degree today if it were not for PHCC because I just wasn’t willing to go away to go to college. After I finished here, I went on to earn a four year degree from Averett. I did serve on the PHCC Board of Directors ... I just wanted to give something back to the college because the college has been very good to me.”

“I just wanted to give something back.”

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Joyce Staples

Joyce Staples earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from PHCC in 1973. She continued her education, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English from Averett University and a Master of Science from Virginia Tech. She is currently enrolled in the Certificate of Advanced Studies program at Hollins University. Staples is Assistant Professor of English at PHCC.

“...I do feel honored ....It just goes to show that people in the community are the ones who are our role models. It’s not the movie stars and pop culture. It’s the people that we live right next door to, ... Many people in community have done great things, many PH graduates....”

Staples has been named to Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers regularly and received the PHCC Foundation Distinguished Faculty Award in 2006. She is very involved in the Girl Scouts, and received the Thanks Badge, the highest award that can be given in Girl Scouting to an adult in recognition of outstanding service to the entire Girl Scout Council.

Faculty Who Inspired Them

Joyce Staples

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Alumni Opportunities

- Nominate a PHCC Distinguished Alumnus! The Third Annual Distinguished Alumnus Dinner is scheduled for May, 2009. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized for his or her accomplishments, fill out a nomination form, found on the PHCC website at www.ph.vccs.edu. Click on Visitors, then Alumni.

- Join the Patriot Athletic Club! You can support the Patriots while getting special privileges! To see the sports schedules, visit the PHCC website: www.phccsports.com.

- Support the PHCC Fine Arts Series. Three productions a year. Watch for details or become a season supporter. Call 276-656-0233.

- Visit the PHCC Walker Fine Arts Gallery. Free admission.

- Recent alumni (who are within 6 months of graduation) are invited to participate in the free services of the IATCC. All workshops are from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday, Sept. 25: Resumes
  - Tuesday, Oct. 2: Job Applications
  - Tuesday, Nov. 6: Resume

- Buy a PHCC gift certificate for your favorite student! Available in increments of $50 for tuition and fees for both credit and non-credit classes. 276-656-0250

Curtain Call

Under the tutelage of PHCC Director of Theatre Dan Spaugh, Campbell’s skills and abilities were developed and it was often suggested to him that he continue his education in the theatre and plan to fill Spaugh’s teaching position after he retired. Then, the idea seemed to have some merit. Now, Campbell just laughs. “He’ll never retire”

But he did continue his theatrical education by earning a Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts from Averett College (now University), where he again performed in six plays (one of which was “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown”). That degree landed him a teaching job at Magna Vista High School, his alma mater, where he produced and directed fewer than 12 plays. Among other accolades, Campbell left his school to be named Piedmont Champions of Theater for seven consecutive years.

The TheatreWorks actors are on stage warming up their vocal chords and limbering up their bodies in preparation for rehearsal. Campbell serves on the Board of Directors and has directed two other shows, “Little Shop of Horrors” and “Children of Eden.” He says he continues his involvement with TheatreWorks just to “keep my hand in it” because now he serves in school administration instead of teaching.

While still employed at Magna Vista, he studied at Radford University and earned a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership. Since 2007 he has served as Assistant Principal at Laurel Park Middle School.

Campbell has a few words with the Vocal Director and then slips backstage to give some suggestions to the stage crew. Before the actors get started, he takes a moment with them. Back in the audience seats, Campbell calls out, “Alright, top of the show!”

There are some correlations between directing plays and directing schools. Campbell says, “I really wanted to be able to make changes for students in the big picture. In the classroom, I loved being able to work with individual kids, but in administration I can see the bigger picture, I can have a bigger impact.”

It was during his three years at Patrick Henry that Campbell started to see that there were many avenues other than theatre that were open to him. He mentions the diversity of programming and the “broad spectrum of livelihoods” that students can pursue. “I found the teachers and staff were very interested in being competent, being extremely personable.” The transition from PHCC to Averett and subsequently to Radford was an easy adjustment, he says. “My time here served me well.”

It is the first scene of the play and Sally, Linus, Lucy, and Schroeder are discussing Charlie Brown’s character. After some singing and dancing by all characters, including Charlie Brown and Snoopy, Campbell rolls out a loud “bra-a-a-a-bra-a-a-a-bra-a-a-a-bra-a-a-a.” To the uninitiated, it sounds like it could be almost anything, a school bell, a fire alarm, a machine gun. For those in the know, it is an alarm clock, prompting the gang to get ready for school. “That’s another thing I learned in college – how to do my own sound effects,” Campbell quips.

This career change, from teacher to administrator, may be Campbell’s next “top of the show!” It seems clear that he is determined to pursue big ideas to work toward the common goal of what is best for everybody.

It is also clear that Campbell is at home in the theatre, that he has an easy rapport with his actors and the crew, and that he draws great personal satisfaction from his involvement. (“This is so rewarding – seeing my students go on to work professionally...”).

It seems, in fact, that for Campbell there may be no curtain call.
Class Notes

1975 Judy (Vogler) Mitchell (Associate in Education) graduated from Averett College in 1977, continued her education at Virginia Commonwealth University 1977-79, and enrolled in Graduate Studies at Virginia Tech in 1980. Judy currently resides in Greensboro, N.C.

1978 Rhonda A. Howell (Associate in Applied Science in Health Technology-Nursing) earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1992 and a Master of Nursing degree from Duke University in 1996. She is currently teaching in the Nursing Department at PHCC, and was named a 2008 Distinguished Alumna (see page 5).

1982, 1990 Garfield Gauldin (Associate in Arts and Science in Education and an Associate in Applied Science in Computer Integrated Manufacturing) completed his education at Old Dominion University, where he enrolled in the Occupational Technical Studies program.

In Memoriam

PHCC has attempted to acknowledge students and alumni who passed away during the 2007-2008 academic year. We apologize if we have missed anyone.


Sarah B. Collins died April 26, 2008. She had earned an Associate in Arts and Science in Education in 1974.


1997 Hugh M. Gravitt (Associate in Arts and Science in General Studies) has been employed as the Director of Purchasing for Albemarle County since 2001.

1999 Chad S. Ratliff (Associate in Arts and Science in General Studies) continued his education by earning a bachelors degree from Old Dominion University and a masters from the University of Virginia. He joined McCall Insurance Agency after working in education for nearly 10 years. He is married to Cay Lee (Chang) and has two children, Spencer (3 1/2) and Maya (3). He plans to enter the Certificate in Management Program from the Garden School of Business at UVA this fall.

2000 Curtis R. Milliner, Sr. (Associate in Applied Science in Industrial Electronics Technology) served as Chairman of the Henry County School Board for three years. He also earned the following certificates: Residential Commercial Industrial Electrician (1994); Industrial Maintenance Mechanics (1996); and Industrial Controls (1989).

2003 Susanne Brininger Washburn (Associate in Arts and Science in General Studies) graduated from Averett College in 1996. She was named a 2008 Distinguished Alumna (see page 5).


Rhonda R. Rakes died Nov. 3, 2007. She had earned an Associate in Arts and Sciences in Education in 1978.

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Rhonda Howell graduated from PHCC in 1978 with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing. She continued her education at Virginia Commonwealth University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at Duke University, where she earned a Master of Science in Nursing Administration. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Nursing at PHCC.

“IT was always a goal of mine to come back to Patrick Henry and to work here and to teach here. This is a lifelong goal that’s been fulfilled in my life. This year I celebrate 30 years in nursing, 30 years since graduating from Patrick Henry...I feel that I should be honoring Patrick Henry in some way...”

Howell’s community service has included various committee memberships at Mercy Crossing Christian Academy, City/County Advisory Committees for strategic planning of Public Safety, Citizens Against Family Violence, and Advisory Board for Christian Education and Youth Activities.

Joyce Martin graduated from PHCC in 1989 with an Associate in Arts and Sciences in General Studies. She went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in English Journalism/Communications from Averett University, with a minor in Spanish. She is retired as the Director of Henry-Martinville Department of Social Services, where she worked since 1975 with the exception of the four years dedicated to pursuing full-time higher education.

“This was my first school of higher education. This is the school that impacted me the greatest. This was the school that gave me the guidance that I need... If you’re beginning life or if you’re starting life anew, Patrick Henry can help guide you in the direction that you need to go.”

Martin’s community service activities have included serving on the Henry County Community Policy and Management Team, National Business College Advisory Board, SafetyNet Board, Financial Literacy Team, West Piedmont Better Housing Coalition, and the Virginia League of Social Services Executives. In 1995, she was named a Woman of Distinction by Girls Scouts of America.

Clarence Monday graduated from PHCC in 1998 with an Associate in Arts and Science in Business Administration. He continued his education at Old Dominion University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Management, and a Master of Business Administration. He also attened the Executive Fire Officer Program through the National Fire Academy. He currently serves as City Manager for the City of Martinsville.

“PHCC is conveniently located... It is a good educational experience - one with a great faculty, a friendly student body - and it has just been a pleasant experience in my life...to be a part of the Distinguished Alumni really gives me a warm feeling.”

Monday has received numerous awards in the EMS field including several Outstanding Service awards at the Bassett Rescue Squad, EDS Officer of the Year in 1990, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 1990, Lifesaving Award in 1996 and a Certificate of Meritorious Conduct in 1998. Additional awards include Chief’s Medal, Outstanding Pre-Hospital Instructor, and two Medals of Merit.

“PH really gave me what I need to get a kick start in my career.”

R. Wayne Slate earned an Associate in Applied Science in Business Management from PHCC in 1977 and his Bachelor’s Degree in Human Resource Development from Averett University. He serves as Vice President for Human Resources for MW Manufacturing in Rocky Mount, and has worked in the human resources field since 1968.

“To me, PH is like the cornerstone of this community. I’ve seen evidence of that over the years being in H.R. for over 25 years....we’ve hired a lot of (Patrick Henry graduates). PH really gave me what I needed to get a kick start in my career.”

Slate earned the Professional in Human Resources designation (PHR) in 1978 and attended the Human Resource Certification Institute. He is a recipient of the Outstanding Speaker Award from Dale Carnegie Institute.

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