Crigger and Stewart named DSCC Outstanding Alumnae

Each are veteran teachers. Each have been named Teacher of the Year and each graduated from Dyersburg State Community College. Now each has been recognized as an Outstanding Alumna of DSCC. On Friday, January 6, in front of the more than 200 faculty and staff members gathered for the College’s Spring Conference Linda Crigger of Rives and Amy Gregory Stewart of Newbern each received the award. The presentations were made by DSCC Alumni Association Vice President Sharon Davidson in the Commons Area of the Student Center on the Dyersburg campus.

Crigger graduated from Dyersburg State with her Associate of Science in Education in 1972—making her one of the first to attend and graduate from DSCC. She went on from DSCC to earn her Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin and her Master’s Degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville.

She has been employed with the Obion County School System for 38 years—30 of these years were spent in the classroom. Crigger started her career in her hometown of Rives teaching kindergarteners in the morning and Tennessee History to 7th graders in the afternoon. In the following years, she taught second, fifth, and ninth graders. For the past eight years, Crigger has worked in administration and has served as Obion County Central’s principal for the past five years.

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A New Homecoming Event featuring one of our own!

Win. Win?
Winning is important... but at what cost

Living in Tennessee, we have seen first-hand how the disregard of NCAA compliance rules has had devastating effects on area colleges and their athletic programs. On Saturday, February 18 Jim Booz, Dyersburg State Community College Alumnus and Senior Associate Athletic Director for Compliance at the University of Georgia, will speak candidly about compliance issues at a dinner before the Homecoming basketball games. This event is open to the public. Those who play sports, who coach sports or are fans of sports, will want to attend. The cost to attend is $15 per person and reservations must be made by Tuesday, February 14.

Those who played on any DSCC sports team or were on a DSCC cheerleading squad, are invited to come to a special reception before the dinner at 4:30 p.m. All former DSCC coaches are also invited to attend.

Call Constance Clay at 731/286-3349 or e-mail clay@dscc.edu to reserve your seat for the dinner.

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

2011-2012 DSCC Alumni Association Officers
President - Kevin Cook ´99
Vice President - Sharon Davidson ´78
Treasurer - Alice Eison ´73
Secretary - Jane Pate

Homecoming 2012 Activities
Saturday, February 18
DSCC vs. Motlow State Community College

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Activities during the Homecoming games:
- Outstanding Alumni Presentation
- Homecoming Queen Crowning
- Door prize give-aways to Alumni
- Alumni Recognitions

Meth Madness
Plans are in the works for the DSCC Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Division of Nursing and Allied Health and the Division of Continuing Education to offer the very informative Methamphetamine—How to Work with this Madness program in the spring at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. Topics include Meth and Treatment in the Emergency Department, Meth on the Street and Drug Endangered Children. Continuing education credit will be available for participation. Information will be mailed when plans are finalized.

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Michael Brooks also presented at the Methamphetamine: How to Work with this Madness seminar hosted by the DSCC Alumni Association on October 29.
DSCC upgrades energy efficiency, reduces energy consumption

When you walk onto any of the Dyersburg State Community College locations, you would not notice the many changes that have been taking place to upgrade the college’s energy efficiency and reduce its energy consumption. Some of the changes are in the buildings, some are in its business operations, and some in the way the faculty and staff work. All work together to reduce the college’s utility bills.

In 2009, DSCC’s President’s staff set the course for college-wide energy efficiency by choosing to dedicate funding available through the American Recovery and Re-investment Act (ARRA) to the project. As a result, the college began aggressively implementing the energy saving recommendations provided by Energy System Group (ESG). ESG was hired by the Tennessee Board of Regents (DSCC’s governing body) to prepare a detailed energy study. The study provided a list of 10 major energy cost-savings measures that included recommendations for physical plant improvements, water conservation measures, and appliance changes.

To date, 6 of the 10 recommendations have been completed. These include refrigerant flow improvement in DX cooling equipment and replacing the chillers (part of the heating and air conditioning system) in the Dale F. Glover Education Building, the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium, the E. B. Eller Administration Building, and the Academic Building at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. The College also replaced the rooftop air conditioning unit serving the Lannom Gym’s front lobby, and replaced the 15-ton condensing unit in the Lannom Gym’s music and band room. In addition, the college is also removing and/or replacing oversized or no longer needed HVAC equipment.

“We started working through the list, completing the projects that would make the greatest impact on our utility expenses for the least cost to the college. We used stimulus funds to pay for some of the more costly changes, and included other changes while doing building renovations,” said Kent Jetton, DSCC physical plant director.

At the direction of DSCC’s President’s staff, the College will begin implementing the most expensive, but most potentially beneficial, recommendation this spring -- retrofitting and replacing the remaining older lighting fixtures at all its locations. The lighting replacement project will cost $250,000, and will be paid for from college plant funds. Based on energy analysis that projects the savings in utility costs, the College expects to recoup the investment in the lighting upgrade in five years.

OGCB Consulting Engineers of Memphis will be overseeing the project for DSCC.

Members of the DSCC Maintenance Staff met with Michael “Chip” Svoboda of OGCB Consulting Engineers on January 13 to discuss the upcoming lighting replacement project. Shown from left to right are: DSCC Facilities and Ground Supervisor Mike Samples, Svoboda, DSCC Physical Plant Director Kent Jetton, and DSCC Maintenance Staff members Randy Golden and Larry Stafford.

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February
College Calendar

2/1- Tutor Training Session, Help Me Read, Noon, LRC
2/2- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
2/6- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, JNC LRC
2/7- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
2/9- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
2/11 – National ACT testing, 8 am-12 pm, Glover Building Classroom
2/12 – Gospel Extravaganza, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Student Center Commons
2/13- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, JNC LRC
2/14- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
2/15- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, JNC LRC
2/16- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
2/16- Cont. Ed. Parenting Class, 5:30 - 9:30 pm, CE Classroom, SBCLC
2/18 – Alumni Hospitality Room, 4:30 – 10:00 pm, Gym 152
2/18- Alumni Dinner, 5 -6 pm, Student Center Commons
2/18- DSCC vs. Motlow State CC Homecoming! 6 pm & 8 pm, Gym
2/20- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, JNC LRC
2/21- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
2/23- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
2/24-Bill Kelly Benefit Concert, 7:30 pm, FCNB Aud., CAB
2/27- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, JNC LRC
2/28- Help Me Read, 4 – 5 pm, LRC
For additional dates, please check the DSCC web site.

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Crigger is Obion County Central’s first female principal. She has been named Obion County Central High School’s teacher of the year, and was nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year. She is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher’s sorority, of the National Education Association, the Obion County Education Association and the Order of the Eastern Star.

While at DSCC, Crigger took part in the play “Inherit the Wind.” She recalls great spades card games that took place in the Student Center. She said, “Players and onlookers knew the designated times that were going to be the most interesting. We didn’t have electronic devices, just a deck of cards that were very entertaining and important in building lasting relationships.”

Crigger wrote that “I can truly say without hesitation that my two years at DSCC were the most important years of my higher education for the simple reason of caring. DSCC taught me great values that I carry with me to this day.

Amy Linn Gregory Stewart earned her Associate of Science from Dyersburg State and graduated in 1992. Like Crigger, she continued her education at the University of Tennessee at Martin and completed her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, K-8, with a highly qualified status.

Stewart began her career in education at Fifth Consolidated School. Shortly afterward, she accepted a position as first grade teacher and head girls’ basketball coach at Finley Elementary School. She has taught several grade levels including Kindergarten and third grade. Stewart currently teaches fourth grade at Finley and has been named Teacher of the Year.

At Dyersburg State, Stewart was a member of the lady Eagles basketball team and was elected Homecoming Queen. She also served as an ambassador.

Stewart states that “DSCC was the perfect choice for me for many reasons. It fulfilled my desire of wanting the college basics and staying close to home. It was small enough that the teachers knew your name, yet large enough to get the education that I needed. The instructors and professors were very knowledgeable in their subject areas and very understanding of what I needed as a new college student—not only academically, but also personally. I will always love the DSCC faculty and staff.”

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projects, will conduct an energy analysis that “looks at every aspect of every building,” said project coordinator Michael “Chip” Svoboda. “We will recommend energy applications that make sense.”

While making changes to the College’s physical plant, the College worked to change its energy consumption habits. “The best and easiest way to save energy is not to use it,” said Jetton. To help the DSCC faculty and staff understand the impact energy costs were having on the college’s operating budget, energy scorecards that tracked utility expenses at each DSCC location were presented at Administrative Council meetings. Information and reminders about energy conservation were published in Work in Progress, the College’s faculty and staff newsletter. All faculty and staff have been asked to turn off computers when not in use and to remove unnecessary appliances.