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State Board Holds Annual Day of Recognition

King and Woody receive I.E. Ready Award, highest tribute from the State Board of Community Colleges; Clayton, Bailey, Goodman, Others Honored

More than 300 people attended the annual Day of Recognition Awards Luncheon in November in Raleigh. The State Board of Community Colleges hosts the event to honor a number of award recipients including the winners of the I.E. Ready Award, the highest honor bestowed by the board. This year, **Thomas C. King Jr. and James J. Woody Jr.** each received the **I. E. Ready Award** for their years of service to the North Carolina Community College System.

Named for **Isaac Epps Ready**, the first state director of the Department of Community Colleges (now the North Carolina Community College

System), the I.E. Ready Award recognizes individuals who have made important contributions to the establishment and growth of North Carolina's community colleges.

King has spent most of his career working to make the community college system a success. He received his A.B. degree in business administration from Elon College in 1957 and spent several years in the public schools as a teacher and assistant principal. King became the salary administrator for the State Board of Education in 1963. When the State Board of Community Colleges was founded in 1980, he left the State Board of Education to become the senior vice president and chief financial officer for the North Carolina



James J. Woody Jr. and Thomas C. King Jr. celebrate receiving the I.E. Ready Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Board of Community Colleges.

Community College System. After King retired in 1995, the North Carolina House of Representatives elected him to the State Board where he was involved in establishing the articulation agreement with the University of North Carolina System, the change to a semester system, and the passage of the 2000 Higher Education Bond Referendum. After leaving the board, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the State Employees' Credit Union. As chair of that board, King spearheaded a successful effort to establish 116 annual scholarships for community college students, valued at more than \$500,000 per year. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Raleigh.

A former teacher at two community colleges and in the Person County

Schools, Woody served on the Person County Board of Education. The Roxboro native was first elected to the State Board of Community Colleges by the North Carolina Senate in 1989. He served as finance committee chair and two terms as State Board chair, providing sound leadership in both roles. A strong advocate for community colleges, he promotes the System, according to one community college president, "whenever he can and wherever he can in his quiet, unassuming way." That special Woody style has proven to be quite persuasive and successful. While he was chair of the State Board, the System experienced some of its greatest legislative success. Woody attended

Mars Hill College, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University, and is an Army veteran. He is human resources manager and safety and environmental manager for Chandler Concrete Company, Inc. in Burlington. He and his wife, Darcus, have two children and two grandchildren.

In addition to the I.E. Ready Award, several additional awards were presented.

The 2005 Wachovia President of the Year is **K. Ray Bailey**, president of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. The Tullahoma, Tennessee, native began working at the community college in 1966 and worked his way to president in 1990.

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Bailey received a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University, a master's degree from Western Carolina University, and an honorary doctorate from Mars Hill College. The recipient of many awards and special recognitions for his leadership and contributions to his community (Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council, Goodwill Industries, Asheville Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International). Bailey said his greatest prize is his wife, Glenda, and their four children and four grandchildren.

The award, endowed by Wachovia, was established in 2001. Bailey received \$8,000 and a plaque. His college's foundation receives \$2,000.

The 2005 R.J. Reynolds Excellence in Teaching (EIT) Award winner is Theodore (Ted) Clayton,

a welding instructor at Beaufort County Community College. Clayton is a native of Hyde County. He earned an associate degree in welding from Beaufort County Community College. He has also studied at North Carolina State University, Lenoir Community College and Pitt Community College. As a welding instructor, Clayton brings a wealth of industry experience to the classroom, as well as enthusiasm and dedication. Clayton centers the welding program around the needs and standards required in the industry.

Earlier this year, Clayton was chosen as the college's faculty member of the year and was also elected treasurer of the college's faculty senate. He is also the assistant wrestling coach at Washington High School. Clayton and his wife, Faye, have one son.

Clayton was chosen from a group of five. The remaining 2004 EIT finalists are: **Yvonne C. Leonard**, department head/instructor, computer programs at Coastal Carolina Community College; **Michael D. Emery**, coordinator/professor of radiography at Sandhills Community College; **Vandon E. Jenerette**, instructor of political science, sociology, leadership at Southeastern Community College; and

Linda R. Rogers, instructor of radiography, health sciences at Wake Technical Community College

The **Excellence in Teaching (EIT) Award**, endowed by R. J. Reynolds, was established in 1985 by the State Board of Community Colleges. The EIT winner this year received \$8,000 and a plaque. His college foundation will receive \$2,000. Each EIT finalist received \$500 and a plaque.

The 2005 BB&T Staff Person of the Year award recipient is Yvonne



L to R: Ray Bailey, Wachovia President of the Year; Yvonne Goodman, BB&T Staff Person of the Year; and Ted Clayton, R.J. Reynolds Excellence in Teaching Winner. The three were honored at the Day of Recognition Awards Luncheon on November 18 in Raleigh.

Goodman, associate vice president for student services at Wayne Community College. A graduate of Wayne Community College, Goodman began her professional career as a secretary at the college in 1971. She then began a series of jobs in financial aid and personnel, but says students have always been her primary focus. "I tell them I have been there. I know you can do it," she said. Goodman leads by example. She has earned a master's degree in education guidance and counseling from Campbell University. Goodman's service to the System can be seen in the many workshops and programs in which she has participated or led. Goodman and her husband, William, have two children and four grandchildren.

Goodman was chosen from five finalists. The four remaining are: **Frank Byrd**, dean of student services at Blue Ridge Community College; **Anne R. Williams**, director, resource and workforce development at Catawba Valley Community College; **Laura W. Buffalo**, vice president of instructional

services at Halifax Community College; and **Jeanie H. Moore**, vice president of continuing education at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

The **Staff Person of the Year Award** was established in 2001 and is endowed by BB&T. The recipient this year received \$6,750 and a plaque. Her college foundation receives \$1,250.

Also recognized were the community college and System Office retirees for the last year. The 340 individuals who retired between July 2, 2004 and July 1, 2005 amassed more than 9000 years working in the System Office and at individual community colleges. More than 30 of the retirees attended the luncheon.

Also in attendance were former Governor and former System President Bob Scott, former U.S. Senator Jim Broyhill and a number of state legislators. Tom Jaynes, associate dean of counseling and student development at Durham Technical Community College sang for the audience. His accompanist was Lee Ann Spahr, math instructor at Durham Tech.

At the State Board meeting earlier in the day, board members voted to establish the Distinguished Partners for Excellence Award. The award will recognize a special collaboration between a community college and a business. The award will be presented at the Day of Recognition Awards Luncheon, beginning in 2006.

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James Woody (left) chats with former U.S. Senator Jim Broyhill, Woody's wife, Darcus and N.C. Representative W.A. Wilkins. Broyhill is an I.E. Ready recipient from 2001.



Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, chair, State Board of Community Colleges, was emcee of the event, along with System President H. Martin Lancaster.

Johnny Woodhouse (center), from Johnston Community College, was one of 34 retirees who attended the luncheon. Overall, 340 employees retired from the community college system from July 2, 2004 to July 1, 2005. On the left is Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, chair, State Board of Community Colleges. On the right is H. Martin Lancaster, system president.



Tom and Phyllis King enjoyed seeing old friends at the luncheon.



Tom Jaynes, associate dean of counseling and student development at Durham Technical Community College, sang "You Raise Me Up" and "God Bless America" for the guests.



Former Governor and former System President Bob Scott enjoyed talking with old friends at the luncheon. Scott is an I. E. Ready recipient from 1995.



Dr. G. Herman Porter, I.E. Ready recipient of 2003, congratulates Yvonne Goodman, the 2005 BB&T Staff Person of the Year. Goodman worked with Porter during his tenure as president of Wayne Community College.



Ted Clayton (right) was delighted to share his moment of triumph with his wife, Faye and son, Teddy.



James and Darcus Woody (left and center) talk with North Carolina Senator R.C. Soles (right) after the ceremony. Soles is Darcus Woody's brother.



K. Ray Bailey, (on the far left) brought his entire family to Raleigh for the special occasion.

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