



## MLK: A Celebration

By: Michelle Bertine

ter yourself, you must put a positive foot forward each day toward that dream.

The occasion was given by Christopher Martin, Student Activities Advisor. He spoke of the reasons we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We celebrate not just his accomplishments, but his character. His conviction, courage, commitment, and compassion are what we admire. Mr. Martin also shared that we have the same characteristics within us. "The dream lives within you," he encouraged.

Vickie Rittmon, MLK Co-Chair, introduced a moving slide show presentation. Each picture demonstrated the many sides of Dr. King. He was a strong, giving and inspiring family man and friend. Ms. Rittmon also commented on Dr. King's character. She told of his many accomplishments, including earning a Ph.D, the title "Man of the Year" by *Time* magazine, and The Nobel Peace Prize. She shared how these accomplishments did not define him, but his character did. She then introduced the keynote speaker, Dion Jordan. Mr. Jordan is an accomplished author and consultant. He has appeared in national broadcasts around the world and on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Mr. Jordan enthusiastically showed us how Dr. King changed the world with

three everyday movements. The first movement was standing. Dr. King encouraged us to stand together for what is right. The second movement was walking. He invigorated people to walk towards their goals and weather any storm by taking part in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The black community united and walked everywhere they needed to go for 381 days. This peaceful move-

ment led the U.S. Supreme court to declare transportation segregation unconstitutional. The third movement was sitting. Dr. King encouraged his followers to peacefully sit where they wished. Even if they were being screamed at, threatened or hurt, they were instructed to sit quietly until their attackers realized how ugly and cruel their actions were. Mr. Jordan shared how Dr. King's message changed his life. He grew up in a

predominately white area with physical limitations and a stutter. After many years of feeling left out and invisible, Mr. Jordan was ready to give up. He did not care about himself anymore. That was until he heard Dr. King's "I have a Dream" speech. It changed his outlook on his life and showed him that it is not how others see you, but how you perceive yourself. Mr. Jordan left us with a challenge. He encouraged us to keep Dr. King's movement alive by sharing his story with the generations to come. He also challenged us to change the way we celebrate the birth of Dr. King by working within the community and performing a day of service.

Jewel Cherry, the Vice President of Student Services, closed the ceremony with her own challenge. She asked, "What is your contribution toward the dream?" It takes all of us to work toward a peaceful connection between every man and woman. It takes a daily effort on our part to work toward this goal. What a difference we would see in our community on his next birthday if we all accepted this challenge.



Dr. Gary M. Green also spoke at the MLK celebration.



Forsyth Tech's ensemble "One Way" sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" at January's celebration.

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FAIR MARCH 7, 2012 IN THE TECH LOBBY

## CRYPTOGRAM "Happy Valentine's Day"

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## Go Green: Recycle!



Thanks for reading *Technically Speaking*, but give a hoot and don't pollute. Share it with a friend or put it in the recycle bin.



**Recycle bins can be located in and around campus buildings!**

## From the Desk of the Student Body President

The ball dropped to signal the new year and has yet to stop rolling. It is still early in the semester, and hopefully, we are keeping our goals in mind.

A lot has been going on here at Forsyth Tech. We opened the Transportation Center last month, which will mostly serve students in the automotive technologies department. The facilities are an incredible addition to our college. Students will be able to use state-of-the-art technology at the Transportation Center to develop new skills.

One of the most memorable events from last month was the very important MLK Day celebration. As we celebrated the life of the great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, our guest speaker Dion Jordon gave us all inspiration and direction. Most importantly, we gained a better understanding of personal accountability. With all the things we have going on our campus, the behind-the-scenes team, SGA, has been there making events successful.

In Student Government we have been coming together greatly as a team. It is wonderful to see how people develop. As always, I extend the invitation to everyone to get involved! There are so many things that happen on campus daily, as well as great organizations that are waiting for your arrival.

There are those who do and those who let others do for them. Which one are you?

Best Regards,

Amy Ballard, SGC President



Student Body President, Amy Ballard

## From the Desk of the Phi Theta Kappa President

Hopefully, everyone is settled into their spring schedule and off to a good start! In mid-March, invitations for membership in Phi Theta Kappa—the international honor society for two-year colleges—will be going out. To qualify, you must be a curriculum student with at least 18 credit hours but no more than 48, have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and be in good academic standing.

PTK provides opportunities for scholarship, leadership, and community service. Last semester our chapter raised approximately \$750 for charity through three fundraisers. We also helped out in the community by promoting the Salvation Army's "Give a Kid a Coat" campaign and donating funds to the King Police Department's "Cops for Tots" program, which provided toys and clothing to under-privileged children.



Phi Theta Kappa President, Lara Taylor

Members of PTK have many opportunities to get involved with the school and community, to make friends, and to gain the support of other students who value academic excellence. Opportunities this semester include a doughnut sale in early February, a Chick-fil-A night in late-February, a hot dog sale in mid-April, and a bake sale tossed somewhere in the mix. We also open the floor during meetings for members to talk about charities or volunteer programs they are involved with or passionate about so that they can gain the help of other members.

So keep a check on your TechLink email for this great opportunity to further enrich your college career!

Regards,

Lara Taylor, PTK President

## From the Desk of the Editor

Hello Again Forsyth Tech Students!

Well, you've got the first month down. How does it feel? Are you back in the swing of things yet? Me neither. Don't worry too much, only a few short weeks left before Spring Break.

Speaking of Spring Break, do any of you have any fun plans? Shoot us an email at the address below if you feel like sharing your festivities with all of us, we'd love to hear from you.

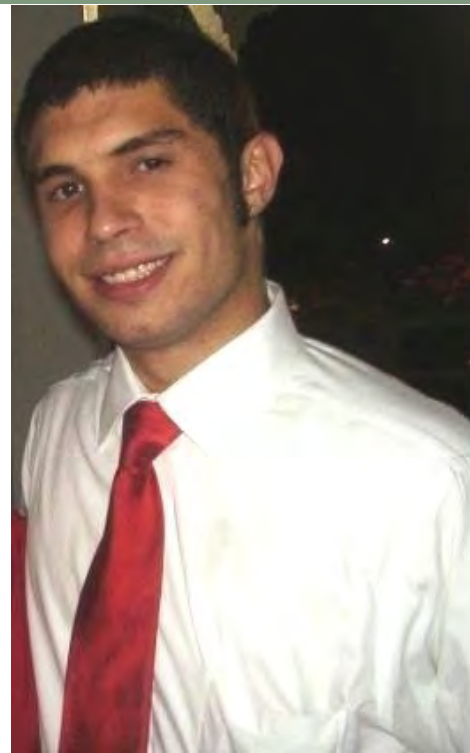
Now on to the important stuff...

In February there is a lot of great stuff happening on campus. As February is Black History Month, Forsyth Tech will be celebrating with a Black History Month program on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Finally, on every Wednesday of the month, the Minority Male Mentoring program will be having a different Black History Month event, as well as having a clothing drive on the 1<sup>st</sup> and a clothing distribution on the 29<sup>th</sup>. It's definitely worth checking out one or all of the events!

Thanks for reading, students! As always, we love to hear from our readers about ANYTHING! Feel free to shoot us an email.

Until next month,

Thomas Guastafarro, General Editor, *Technically Speaking*



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### February is Black History Month!

Come help Forsyth Tech celebrate at their annual event.

Forsyth Tech's celebration will be announced and advertised in early February.

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## Automotive Success cont.

By: Thomas Gean

syth Tech to gain the most out of their experience. Joshua Sands, a student in the Heavy Equipment Program, said, "Being at the new center will give me an ability to learn the best way possible. This will help my knowledge in the field, which will make my career path stronger."

This building is 139,000 sq. ft. of high-tech, state-of-the-art machinery. The new state-of-the-art equipment was provided by Snap on Tools, which includes all hand tools, and Toyota, who donated several vehicles for students to work on. Being that it is so well put together, the new Transportation Center, with the help of Toyota, will give students the ability to learn and experience what they will be doing in the field the best way they know how, hands on.

Leonard Kiser, Dean of Engineering Technologies, who is heading the center, said, "This center will give Winston Salem and Forsyth County an opportunity to help with the economy and job placement." In addition several qualified teachers agree with Mark Walker, Program Coordinator for Collision Repair and Refinishing, who said, "This facility will give me the chance to double the knowledge out put to the students."

During the grand opening Dr. Green

stated, "We have never lost sight of the legacy as a technical institute," speaking on the roots of Forsyth Tech. As 1 of 4 curriculums being of-



Richard Childress and Dr. Gary Green at the opening of the Richard Childress Race Car Technology Center at Forsyth Tech.

ferred at Forsyth Tech 50 years ago, the Automotive Technology Program has finally expanded to where it will benefit the students and community the most.

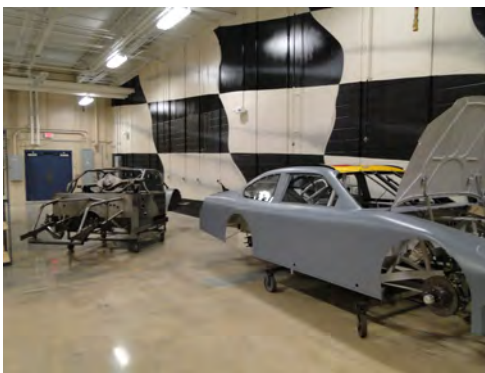
Among the distinguished guests that were at the Grand Opening, Dr. Gary Green (Forsyth Technical Community College President), Mayor Allen Joines, Richard Childress (RCR Racing), and Richard Linville (Chair, Forsyth County Board of Commissioners) stood on stage and spoke about the benefits the community will gain from having this new center. Being a very large part of the new Transportation Center, Mr. Childress stated, "A state-of-the-art facility such as Forsyth Tech's Transportation Center, from our perspective, will be an important tool used for

the growth of our community here in Forsyth County and our economy."

A very well respected leader in our community, Mayor Joines, in a quick interview, stated: "This center fits in well with our effort to build economically... It allows us to be a leader for our community."

This center has opened the eyes of the public in Forsyth County. It is allowing our community to see the strides Forsyth Tech is taking in order to build our economy and job base. As Richard Linville put it, "We are here to serve."

Due to the initiative Dr. Green, Richard Childress, and various others have shown to better Forsyth Tech, the community that we live in will continue to prosper. Our economy will be stronger, and the men and women of Forsyth Tech will be given the opportunities and knowledge it takes to succeed in their chosen career. Forsyth Tech's faculty and staff will only continue to better the experience each student has at Forsyth Technical Community College.



Amy Ballard, SGA President, and Thomas Gean, Student Ambassador meet and greet guests at the opening of the Richard Childress Race Car Technology Center at Forsyth Tech.

Answer: "When you are in love you can't fall asleep because reality is better than your dreams." Theodor Seuss Geisel

# Student Ambassadors The Faces and Voices of Forsyth Tech Students

## Congratulations to the Spring 2012 Student Ambassadors!

The *Forsyth Tech Student Ambassador Scholarship Program* is a scholarship platform in which select students represent the college in a responsible, ethical and professional manner while portraying a positive image of the institution. The Ambassadors serve as college representatives and work with college personnel, students, and alumni. Student Activities is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients and program participants:



**Andrea Osorio**

"I would like to encourage students to learn and take advantage of the opportunities Forsyth Tech and the community offer."

**Salomon Pinargote**

"I can represent the school and how the ideal student of Forsyth Tech should be while staying true to the mission of the college."



**Thomas A Gean**

"As an ambassador, I will be well spoken, energetic and responsible."



**Miranda Weavil**






"I feel that I have acquired the skills, while at Forsyth Tech, that would help me to be an effective ambassador."

**Tray Hendricks**

"My ability to listen, learn, and grow is key to being an effective ambassador."



# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 12	6	7	8 Minority Male Mentoring Program Black History Month Celebration TBA Philosophical Society TEC 542 2-4 p.m.	9	10 Transition Club TEC 130 10 a.m. Creative Writing Club ALL 164 2 p.m.	 18 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
SGC Beverly Lewis blewis@forsythtech.edu	13	14 Journalism Club Tec 130 2 p.m.	15 Interviewing Skills GSC 213 10-11 a.m.	16 Shugart Women's Center Clothes Distribution HAU 206 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	17 Transition Club TEC 130 10 a.m. Creative Writing Club ALL 164 2 p.m.	
	20  President's Day	21 Black History Month Celebration Ardmore Aud. 11 a.m.	22 Philosophical Society TEC 542 2-4 p.m.	23	24 Transition Club TEC 130 10 a.m. Free Ice Skating Sign-Up in TEC 124	25
Journalism Club Elaine Hoge ehoge@forsythtech.edu Philosophical Society Jim Fortuna jfortuna@forsythtech.edu	27	28 Career Assessment Tech 544 10-11:30 a.m. Journalism Club Tec 130 2 p.m.	29	March 1 Admissions Deadline for Fall 2012 ADN and PN Programs	2 Transition Club TEC 130 10 a.m. Creative Writing Club ALL 164 2 p.m.	 3
Transitions Club Mary Wall mwall@forsythtech.edu Creative Writing/International Club Eliza Murphy emurphy@forsythtech.edu	5 Last Day to Drop Without Penalty for Full-Semester Classes	6	7 Mental Health Awareness Fair TEC Lobby 9:30-11:30 Women's History Celebration ARD AUD 3 p.m.	8		Spring Break March 12-14