

# Making the Connection



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## President's Message

Thomas Edison once said, "We shall have no better conditions in the future if we are satisfied with all those which we have at present." This year, we must be committed to the enhancement this organization, at every level and in every component. We must also be strong advocates and promoters of the NCCEA if we are going to move forward in a purposeful direction.

The easiest way for me to describe the NCCEA is that we are a member-driven organization that serves as a cooperative education hub for knowledge and influence to students, employers and, academia.

Our committees have been diligently working to help us move forward, and I sincerely appreciate all that they are doing. In the near future you'll be encouraged to visit our newly transformed Website; invited to join our Facebook page, LinkedIn Group, and List-Serv. We have also been busy modifying and finalizing the Constitution and By-laws and surveying NC community colleges for recommendations to the Section 20.

We are a member-driven organization. We must make it a personal goal to recruit at least one colleague, associate, friend, etc to the NCCEA. Our new Website will contain brochures that outline the benefits of the NCCEA membership.

Let's start recognizing our students, colleagues, staff, and employers - even if they are not current members. I will be recognizing members throughout the year who have demonstrated a passion and commitment to the NCCEA with the

"President's Award".

The following members have earned this award and will be receiving it soon.

Jill Lutz-Central Piedmont CC  
Faith Fagan-Pitt CC  
Joy Morrow-Gaston College  
Rachel Hiatt-Surry CC  
Karen Atkinson - Fayetteville Tech CC  
Micara Lewis - Durham Tech CC  
Linda Moorer - Central Piedmont CC

I am happy to report that 2012 is not the year for complacency! Thanks to the Board of Directors and the Committees - we are MOVING FORWARD!

Wayne Booth



Congratulations to  
**Melanie Berry**

**Central Piedmont CC**

2011 NCCEA Co-op Student of the Year

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# Do you know your Officers?

President  
**Wayne Booth**  
FRC East—Employer

Vice President/President Elect

**Karen Atkinson**  
Fayetteville Technical CC

Secretary  
**Deneice Hendrick**  
South Piedmont CC

Treasurer  
**Pam Basheer**  
North Carolina A&T

Directors at Large

**Rachel Hiatt**  
Surry CC

**Joy Morrow**  
Gaston College

Past President  
**Cara Doyle**  
NC State University

Committees  
(Chairperson-Bold/Italics)

Awards Committee  
**Jamie Tyson**  
*Central Carolina CC*  
Linda Moorer  
Central Piedmont CC  
VACANT  
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Membership Committee  
**Liz Brashear**  
NC State University  
Beth Foster  
Wilkes CC  
Vickie Grove  
Wake Technical CC  
Randall Willie  
Mitchell CC  
Jill Lutz  
Central Piedmont CC

Program Committee  
**Joy Morrow**  
Gaston College  
**Rachel Hiatt**  
Surry CC  
Karen Atkinson  
Fayetteville Technical CC  
Jana Kennedy  
Stanly CC  
Faith Fagan  
Pitt CC

Section 20 Committee  
**Karen Atkinson**  
Fayetteville Technical CC  
Frances Gaskins  
Lenoir CC  
Jill Lutz  
Central Piedmont CC

Strategic Planning Committee  
**Wayne Booth**  
FRC East  
Rick Shew  
Caldwell CC & Tech  
Donn Holt  
Wilson CC  
Beth Agnello  
Forsyth Tech CC  
Micara Lewis  
Durham Tech CC

Technology & Publicity Committee  
**Faith Fagan**  
Pitt CC  
Donn Holt  
Wilson CC  
Arnold Bell  
NC State University  
Melissa Fox  
Gaston College  
Nancy Evans  
Pitt CC



Past President, Cara Doyle (right) passes the gavel to the newly elected President Wayne Booth (left) at the NCCEA Annual Conference.

## Important Reminders:

- **Jon Young Service Award nominations (see article below for eligibility).**
- **Bill Weston Student of the Year Award nominations (see page 4 for eligibility).**
- **CEIA National Conference at Doubletree by Hilton in Chicago, IL April 15-17, 2012.**
- **Submit an article for the next Newsletter.**
- **Join a committee and make a difference.**

# Jon Young Service Award Nominations

The North Carolina Cooperative Education Association (NCCEA) voted at the 1989 Annual Conference to present this annual award to an individual who exemplifies the ideals of cooperative education and to give the award in memory of Jon A. Young, a member of NCCEA and an employer representative of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

This award will be presented each year to a member who has made a significant contribution to the mission and goals of cooperative education.

A cash award of \$100 and a plaque will be presented to the winner at the NCCEA Annual Conference.

The nomination statement should include comments in the following areas:

- Contribution to Cooperative Education at the institution or organization level (program development, innovative programs, grant funding, community outreach).
- Contribution to Cooperative Education at the state or regional level, such as leadership in NCCEA, presentations at state or regional workshops and conferences, offices in associations.
- Contribution at the national level, such as program presentations at the national conferences, leadership in Cooperative Education Association (CEA) or Cooperative Education Division (CED) or other national associations in the experiential learning field.

Keep your eyes & ears open, put your thinking caps on and think of someone that you can nominate for this award.

Submit nominations to Jamie Tyson-Awards Committee Chair  
jtyson@cccc.edu  
Phone: 910-814-8839

# Membership Committee News

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On January 18th the membership committee had a meeting and came up with Membership Goals for 2012 and on top of the list:

- Have all 58 community colleges and 15 universities in the NC system to become members of NCCEA. (Currently, out of 42 members, 21 community colleges, 3 four-year schools, and 1 employer are represented.)

The committee has designated a few of their members to determine which community colleges and universities in the NC system have Co-op programs and identify the Co-op contact by March 30, 2012.

During the next meeting the committee will discuss further the developed ideas for advantages to be offered for employers and students to joining NCCEA. What are your thoughts?????????

Each member should make it a personal responsibility to advocate and recruit for the NCCEA.

Any suggestions, contact the Membership Committee Chairperson Liz Brashear at [elizabeth\\_brashear@ncsu.edu](mailto:elizabeth_brashear@ncsu.edu)

*If you think*

*your teacher*

*is tough, wait until you  
get a boss. He doesn't*

*have tenure.*

*~Bill Gates*



The winner of the  
NCCEA Logo Contest is

**John Williams Sr.**

from

South Piedmont Community College

Great job John!!



## National Co-op and Internship Conference

2012 CEIA Annual Conference



Architects of Change

**April 15-17, 2012**

**Mark your calendar!**

## William D. Weston Student of the Year Award Nominations

The NCCEA is sponsoring a search for the Outstanding Co-op Student employed during this calendar year. A cash award of \$100 and a plaque will be presented to the recipient, and a \$100 matching award will be presented to the nominating school's Co-op Program at the NCCEA Annual Conference.

In order to compete for the award, students must be nominated by a Co-op professional, a faculty member, or an employer. This announcement and nomination form may be duplicated as needed. Since the state recipient will compete at the national level (CEIA) for the National Co-op Student of the Year award, the nominee must have been a co-op student between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. We request that each institution submit only one nominee.

Criteria for selection are listed below. Contributions need not be made at all levels for the nominee to be competitive, but if there are contributions at all levels, they should be discussed.

Co-op student's

- Achievements on the job
- Achievements at school
- Contributions to the employer
- Contributions to Cooperative Education program
- Contributions to the community

Please submit the following: (Each statement should NOT exceed two typewritten, double-spaced pages)

- Nomination form
- Statement from school
- Statement from employer
- Statement from student
- Co-op student's resume

Submit nominations to Jamie Tyson-Awards Committee Chair

[jtyson@cccc.edu](mailto:jtyson@cccc.edu)

Phone: 910-814-8839

*I can't imagine  
anything more  
worthwhile than  
doing what I most  
love. And they pay  
me for it..  
~Edgar Winter*

**WANTED**  
ARTICLES  
FOR THE NEWSLETTER

What do you want to see in the newsletter?  
Do you have any interesting stories?  
Do you have any pictures to share?  
Do you have any questions or comments?

Please submit to Faith Fagan at  
[ffagan@email.pittcc.edu](mailto:ffagan@email.pittcc.edu)

### Strategic Planning Committee



The Strategic Planning Committee is currently revising the NCCEA Constitution, By-laws, and Committee Position Descriptions. Once finalized, these documents will be made available to you in the Members Section of the NCCEA Website.

The committee is scheduled to have a phone conference within the next month so STAY TUNED!

## Been Audited?

Come up with some interesting tid-bits of information/ideas that you would like to share?

Have a question about Audits?

Let us know what you would like to see in this section and we will get right on it!

This is your “ask me” section so take advantage of this area!!

We have EVOLVED  
keep an eye out on the website - [www.nccea.info](http://www.nccea.info)  
and  
we have a new email address - [nccea.info@gmail.com](mailto:nccea.info@gmail.com)

Think you read the newsletter? So tell us.....

*“What year’s conference voted to start awarding the Jon A. Young Service Award?”*



The first to email [ffagan@email.pittcc.edu](mailto:ffagan@email.pittcc.edu) with the correct answer will win a prize from NCCEA!