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CHANGE A LIFE



My SCC Lyrics

By: Danell Moses

Young one, there's no need to feel down
I said, young one, pick yourself off the ground
I said, young one, 'cause you're in a new town
There's no need to be unhappy

Young one, there's a place you can go
I said, young one, when you're short on dough
You'll take a class there, and I'm sure you will find
Many ways to have a good time

It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
They have scholarships there so you can enjoy
When you take class with girls and boys
It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
Learn to get yourself clean,
Learn to cook a good meal
Learn to talk about what you feel

Young one, are you listening to me?
I said, ask them, "What do I want to be?"
I said, young one, you can make real your dreams
But you got to know this one thing

No one does it all by himself
I said, young one, put your pride on the shelf
So just go there, up to "MY SCC"
That's where you can earn a degree

It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
They have every class anyone can enjoy
You can play with all the cool toys
It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
It's fun to donate to "MY SCC"
You can learn about means, Learn to structure a
deal, Learn about "how" you feel

Young one, I was once in your shoes
I said, I was down and out with the blues
I felt no one cared if I were alive
I felt the whole world was so tight
That's when someone came up to me
And said, young one, take a walk up the street
There's a place there I call it "MY SCC"
That's where you will earn a degree

Interview with Danell Moses, Dean of Career Technologies

Interview by: Mark Ellison,
Director of Enrollment Management

Danell Moses, Dean of Career Technologies serves on the SCC Foundation Faculty/ Staff Advisory Council. Well-known for her creativity, she added to her portfolio by creating the My SCC song. Danell took time to answer a few questions about her involvement with the advisory council and the development of the My SCC song.

Talk about how the concept of the My SCC song got started. This is very creative, what inspired you?

I remember sitting in a Foundation meeting back in April: we were talking about different ways to spark interest in donating to the Foundation. While I was thinking about the reasons why we should all donate, the phrase started spinning in my head that it's "fun" to donate to SCC. Within a few minutes of having that thought, I was humming "It's fun to donate to My SCC" to the tune of the Village People's song "YMCA." When I looked up the lyrics, I knew the song could be about a student looking for help to attend college. I did a liberal amount of tweaking some words to feel more like SCC and some even more liberal connecting of existing words to SCC classes, programs, and services. For example, in the chorus, I changed "You can do whatever you feel" to "You can talk about what you feel" (psychology) the first time we sing it, and then the second time it's "You can learn about "how" you feel" (anatomy). I love puns so the whole thing is super cheesy.



Share why you are involved with the Faculty/Staff Advisory Council and support the SCC Foundation.

One of the reasons I am so passionate about SCC and the NC Community College System is that we are good stewards of providing an affordable education. When Brett Woods asked me to join the council as the Faculty Senate president, I was honored to work with a group of others who obviously shared my passion. The Foundation supports so many students: with every donation, their support can reach more and more students.

What would you say to a faculty or staff member who is considering making a gift to the Foundation?

I encourage faculty and staff to set up a monthly donation of \$5, \$10 or \$20 a month. The Foundation even sends a letter at the end of the year that you use to report the donation on your taxes, if you're into that kind of thing! Basically, if all full-time employees donated \$20 a month, we could raise \$48,000 a year for the Foundation. That kind of money would provide a handsome number of additional scholarships and emergency funds for our students. And wouldn't THAT be fun!

Cork & Fork 2018 Event

Inaugural Cork & Fork spreads SCC message to Cashiers-Glenville area.

In an effort to spread the word about Southwestern, our students and our programs, we held a "Cork & Fork" informative event on June 23 in Cashiers.

Roughly 60 folks from Southern Jackson County came out to the Orchard Events Barn to learn more about SCC, our students and our programs.

Dr. Lynn Dillard, a Cashiers resident and chair of our SCC Foundation, as well as Duncan Wheale, a retired federal judge now living in the area, kicked off the program with strong endorsements of our college. Dr. Don Tomas, SCC President, then

gave a brief overview of Southwestern and responded to numerous questions from the crowd.

The Cashiers Rotary Club donated \$2,500 to our Student Emergency Fund, and the Blue Ridge Education Foundation gave \$1,000 to fund a scholarship.

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- Dr. Don Tomas

"This was our first event in the Cashiers-Glenville area in nearly four years, and we were very pleased with how engaged our visitors were," Dr. Tomas said. "We made a lot of new friends and really helped drive home the message of how vital our college, graduates and training are for the citizens of Southern Jackson County."



Dr. Don Tomas, SCC President



Dr. Lynn Dillard, SCC Foundation Chair



Duncan Wheale, retired federal judge

A Tribute to Paul Holt, Founding Trustee

Few colleges in the country are ever fortunate enough to have an advocate and leader willing to give selflessly and tirelessly for more than half a century.

In a heartwarming ceremony on July 3 on our Jackson Campus, Southwestern Community College celebrated the life of such an individual: W. Paul Holt, Jr.

Along with several business and educational leaders in Jackson County, Mr. Holt helped establish the Jackson County Industrial Education Center on December 1, 1964. JCIEC eventually grew into the institution now known as SCC.

Mr. Holt was a founding member of both the SCC Board of Trustees in 1968 and the SCC Foundation Board of Directors in 1973 and served actively on both boards at the time of his passing.

He endowed three scholarship funds and was responsible for working with Edward and Hortense Wilson, who created an endowed fund that is now valued at a half-million dollars.

He was the longest-serving Trustee in the history of the N.C. Community College System.

"Paul Holt was the driving force behind the development and growth of Southwestern Community College, from its humble beginnings in 1964 to its current status as one of the nation's top community colleges," said Dr. Don Tomas, SCC President. "His invaluable contributions to SCC will be felt and magnified for generations to come. His dedication and civic service to the citizens of Western North Carolina are legendary and unparalleled."

Though he passed away in late June, Mr. Holt's legacy will live on through the countless lives he's helped to change through Southwestern.



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A year ago, the Southwestern Community College Foundation celebrated its first million-dollar endowment at its Bluegrass Blue Jeans and Bling gala.

Despite significant fundraising progress, there are still plenty more SCC students who need help. Only one in three qualifying students currently receive a scholarship due to a lack of funds.

SCC's faculty and staff hope to change that through efforts like the Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Bling gala that will be held at 6 p.m. on Aug. 25 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

"With every gala to date, we

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Annual Gala to be held on Aug. 25



By: Kaitlyn Carver

continue to raise more money than the previous year for student scholarships, and we hope this year is no different," said Dr. Don Tomas, president of SCC. "We are excited to see what we can accomplish this year. We are so grateful for Harrah's and all the supporters in our community. Without their support, we would not be successful."

The event will be catered in-house by Harrah's chefs and bartenders. Music will be provided by local bluegrass band Frogtown, and Steve Johannessen, a local musician who has worked with artists such as Pink Floyd and Ray Charles.

While enjoying the music, guests will have the opportunity to dance, enjoy a cocktail or play cornhole. There will also be a Best Dressed contest for those who dress on-theme.

In addition, guests will be able to participate in a silent auction and wine pull throughout the evening.

Co-chairs of the SCC Foundation Wendy LeMay and Lambert Wilson will be heading up the event again this year.

For more information on Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Bling gala, contact Kathy Posey at 828.339.4227, or visit www.southwesterncc.edu/foundation/2018-gala-event-details

