

*Foundation Update**September 2009***Brickmaking – Mudcakes to Skyscrapers**

Mr. Reid Wrenn, retired President of Lawrenceville Brick, recently donated copies of his book, Brickmaking - Mudcakes to Skyscrapers to Southside Virginia Community College. After decades of leading Lawrenceville Brick, one of America's outstanding brick manufacturers, Mr. Wrenn felt a responsibility to help people understand the vital role brick played in benefitting mankind. Fusing imagination with research, history and a working knowledge of the brick industry he traces the evolution of brick from the dawn of civilization to the present.



SVCC recently hosted a lunch in honor of Mr. Wrenn. Guests were treated with stories of his career and his dedication to the brick industry.

First row left to right: Susan Zachensky-Walthall, Gene Thomas, Dr. John Cavan, Mrs. Wrenn, J. Reid Wrenn, and Leon Williams. Second row left to right: Jack Ancell, Forster Hayes, Freddie Reekes, and John Sykes. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hayes are members of the Board of Directors of Lawrenceville Brick and Mr. Williams is Senior Vice President of Production at Lawrenceville Brick.

Norman Davis of the Virginia Maritime Association and Steven Stanley, a graduate of Southside Virginia Community College, chat for a minute at the LaCrosse Festival. The Virginia Maritime Association and Southside Virginia Community College partner to recruit residents across the Southside area to attend Truck Driver Training School. Norman represented not only the trucking industry, but the College at the Festival.



SVCC Diesel Tech Program Receives Grant

Carter Machinery Company, Inc., the authorized Caterpillar dealer serving Virginia and the Caterpillar Foundation recently awarded the SVCC Diesel Tech Program a \$10,000 grant. Carter Machinery is headquartered in Salem, Virginia, and the Caterpillar Foundation is headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. This partnership supports education through equipment purchase and student scholarships.



SVCC Honor's Program - Off to a Good Start!

The SVCC Foundation is pleased to welcome the following students in our Honor's Program for 2009-2010: Amanda Brandt (JHD), Ashley Butler(CC), Ryan Clary (CC), Miranda Gravitte (CC), Will Hollingsworth (JHD), Melba Dale Jeter (JHD), Sonya Leithiser (CC), Heather Moore (CC), Cassidy Stinson (JHD), Zachary Talley (CC) and Jonathan Woods (JHD). Diane Nipper is coordinating the program on the JHD Campus and Leslie Cline is coordinating the program on the Christanna Campus. During the next few months you will be introduced to our participants. This newsletter features Heather Moore and Cassidy Stinson.



Meet Cassidy Stinson

Cassidy is from Dillwyn. He completed a homeschooled graduation program in June, 2009. He is enrolled in the University Parallel Program at SVCC and has a keen interest in science. Cassidy has been involved in Boy Scouts, Karate (2nd degree Black Belt), theatre groups, church youth group and has been a 4H Camp Counselor.



Meet Heather Moore

Heather is from South Hill and graduated from Park View High School. She plans to receive her RN and continue on in a BSN program. Heather has been an active community volunteer with the Angel Tree, Bread Box and Relay for Life. While in high school she was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the BETA Club, Spanish Club, DECA, and FCCLA.

Something New.....This year for the first time, the SVCC Foundation requires all recipients of the Tobacco Scholarship and the GAMA (Guaranteed Academic Merit Award) to participate in a volunteer community project or program. We will keep you posted on how our SVCC students are making a difference!