



**Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, May 18th, 2021
224 Seminary Street
Kenansville, NC 28349**

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 in recessed session in the Duplin County Administrative Office Building located at 224 Seminary Street, Kenansville, NC.

Present: Commissioners: Jesse Dowe, Dexter Edwards, Elwood Garner and Wayne E. Branch.

Arrived Late: Commissioner Kennedy Thompson

Also Present: Mr. Davis H. Brinson, County Manager/Clerk to the Board; Mr. Tim Wilson, County Attorney; and Mrs. Trisha-Ann Brown, Administrative Officer.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Commissioner Branch. Commissioner Branch also led the Board and those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dowe, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously to come out of recess and to open the Commissioners meeting.

REGULAR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mr. Davis H. Brinson, County Manager/ Clerk to the Board, appeared before the Board to request the Board take from the table and the appointment of a member to the Easter Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. Board of Directors to represent Duplin County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, carried unanimously to take from the table the appointment of a member of the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. Board of Directors to represent Duplin County in order to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Branch proposed to the Board that Ms. Penny Thorne fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors for the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Penny Thorne to the Eastern Carolina Human Service Agency, Inc. Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, carried unanimously to take from the table the appointment of an individual to fill a vacancy on the James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Garner proposed to the Board that Mrs. Sonya Smith be appointed to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Edwards, also spoke of his support for Mrs. Smith to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Branch proposed to the Board that Mr. Francisco Rivas-Diaz be appointed to fill the position. Commissioner Dowe also expressed his support for Mr. Rivas-Diaz to fill the vacancy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to appoint Mrs. Sonya Smith as a member of the James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees to fulfill the remainder of Ms. Geraldine Trucker's term which ends on June 30, 2023; Commissioner Garner and Commissioner Edwards voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Branch and Commissioner Dowe voted against the motion. The motion did not carry.

Commissioner Thompson entered the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

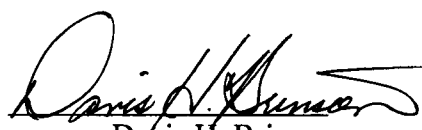
Commissioner Thompson proposed to the Board that Mrs. Melissa Blizzard Stevens be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees for James Sprunt Community College.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, carried unanimously to implement a binding, top three (3) ballot scoring system.

Pursuant to the Board's binding agreement, County Attorney Tim Wilson distributed ballots to the Commissioners and instructed them to rank the candidates to fill the vacancy with number one (1) being their top choice; number two (2) being their second choice and number three (3) being their third choice. The County Attorney explained to the Board members that the candidate with the lowest score would be declared the winner. The ballots were collected and the scores tallied by the County Attorney and the County Manager/Clerk to the Board. County Attorney Tim Wilson announced the results as follows: Melissa Blizzard Stevens - 9; Sonya Smith - 10; and Francisco Rivas-Diaz - 11.

Accordingly the Board agreed with the voting process and the announced totals, and Melissa Blizzard Stevens was declared the appointee pursuant to the Board's binding agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, carried unanimously to adjourn the Commissioners meeting until June 7th, at 6 p.m. in the Ed Emory Auditorium of the Lois Britt Agricultural Office Building, located at 165 Agriculture Drive; Kenansville, NC 28349.


Davis H. Brinson
Clerk to the Board

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date 2/15/2021

Name Michael E. Lynch

Address 291 Cellars Way

City Wallace

State North Carolina

Zip Code 28466

Telephone 410-707-1538

Email melynch21@aol.com

Interested in being appointed to
Board of Directors of the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.

Qualifications

44 years of U.S. government service, including 30 years in the U.S. Navy and 14 years as a Senior Leader at the National Security Agency

While in the U.S. Navy, served in multiple leadership positions in duty stations across the U.S. and abroad, achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 before retirement.

At the National Security Agency, served in multiple leadership positions, often making decisions in high-stress environments. Deployed to Iraq twice for multiple months, serving the U.S. Ambassador, working with multiple governmental organizations with both military and civilian personnel.

Throughout career, sought after for mentoring and guidance to a highly-diverse workforce of both civilian and military employees.

After retirement, continues to mentor professionals, and volunteer in various positions in the local community.

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date February 22, 2021

Name Kathleen "Kebby" Schwensberg

Address 111 Silver Magnolia Ct

City Wallace

State NC

Zip Code 28466

Telephone 910-747-0518

Email Kebby.Schwensberg@gmail.com

Interested in being appointed to
Board of Directors, Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.

Qualifications

Citizen of Duplin County 13 years

Registered Nurse 48 years

Familiar with Eastern North Carolina through home visiting in 7 counties for various jobs and worked directly with Human Services agencies and social workers to provide clients with necessary services

- National Children's Study data collector, 2009 - 2012
- Carolina East Home Care and Hospice - Community Alternatives Program, Adult and Children, 2012 - 2015
- Carolina East Home Care and Hospice - Home Program, Adult and Children, 2015 - 2018
- Vidant Home Health and Hospice - Staff Development, Duplin, Greenville, Washington, Anokee, 2015 - 2018
- Vidant Home Health and Hospice - Community Alternatives Program, Adult and Children, 2015 - 2019
- Census Taker, 2020

Served as a volunteer Ombudsman for Assisted Living facilities in Duplin County for 3 years

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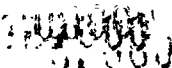
Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date	02/25/2021
Name	Tonya M Kenan
Address	417 East Murray Street
City	Wallace
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	28466
Telephone	910-554-8127
Email	tonyamkenan@gmail.com
Interested in being appointed to: Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, INC	
Qualifications: Duplin County resident Soft skills Developing talent of individuals Interviewing Problem-solving Critical Thinkings skills	

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date	02/11/2021
Name	Brittney Turner
Address	105 S Country Club Drive
City	Kenansville
State	NC
Zip Code	28349
Telephone	910-290-3200
Email	brittney.turner@duplincountync.com
Interested in being appointed to Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, seat on the Board of Directors	

Qualifications:
I have currently lived in Duplin County since 2011. I have been employed with Duplin County Tax office for over a year. I do believe myself to have good moral character, honest judgement and a compassionate heart.



Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date	April 4, 2021
Name	Penny F Thorne
Address	123 Currie Street
City	Wallace
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	28466
Telephone	(910) 271-5363
Email	moneypenny327@gmail.com

Interested in being appointed to:

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Jury Commission
Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.

Qualifications:

I have a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Psychology. I have worked as an educator in Middle School Mathematics for over eight years. I worked with young adolescents and teenagers as a Behavior Intervention Specialist with the New Hanover County Juvenile Day Treatment Center. I have been the Chair and Co-Chair of the Educational Committee for Duplin County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for several years. In this capacity, I have worked with young ladies in our Delta Academy and Delta GEMS Programs from ages 11 to 18. In addition, we have a male youth program known as EMBOOI for young men ages 14 to 18 in my sorority. I know that I could have a positive impact on the juveniles of Duplin County by being appointed to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Commission

For the Jury Commission, my degree is in Criminal Justice. I have served jury duty in NC and the state of Maryland. I would like to be on this Board. I believe in justice, truth, and American civic duties.

Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. My Bachelor of Science is in Criminal Justice, which is a Human Service field. I love working with the community and serving others. My belief is that we all have to work together to improve and impact our community. As a Census Enumerator, there were a number of things that I saw over Eastern NC that needs to be changed for the better for the counties and for the citizens.

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

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Name	Tonya M Kenan
Address	417 East Murray Street
City	Wallace
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	28466
Telephone	910-554-8127
Email	tonyamkenan@gmail.com

Interested in being appointed to.

Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, INC

Qualifications.

- Duplin County resident
- Soft skills
- Developing talent of individuals
- Interviewing
- Problem-solving
- Critical Thinkings skills

Human Services

Ronda L Rivenbark | [Print this message](#)
Fri 2/12/2021 11:09 AM
To: Davis Brinson
CAUTION: This email originated from outside of Duplin County. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mr. Brinson,

I am very interested in your Human Services Committee's open spot I have lived in Duplin County all my life. And very proud of it.

My daddy was a Korean Conflict War Veteran. He was a very proud man for serving his country, he was drafted right out of the tobacco fields in Johnson County. This is why my heart goes out to the Veterans of Duplin County.

My mother received his widow benefits. Which I fought hard for. They enabled her to stay in a private room at The Gardens in Rose Hill, NC. I have worked with Laura Drakeford of Duplin Co VA and Roy Horne of Pender Co VA.

I was raised in Wallace, NC, I now live in little ole Rose Hill, NC. I am very active in my town. I have served on the Town Board, the Recreation Department Board, the Beautification Board, the RH Jubilee Board. I also volunteer to head up the Rose Hill "Christmas at Night" parade and entertainment. I do the Facebook page for "The Beauty of Rose Hill" which shares the happenings around RH and surrounding communities. I am very active in my church, Rose Hill United Methodist Church. And have and still serve on many committees. I worked 30 years at Rose Hill - Magnolia Elementary School. I now work at Sunshine Day Preschool in Wallace. I am married to Gerald Rivenbark and have twin daughters. Gerron Bishop, she is the school social worker at Wallace - Rose Hill High School. Anna Henderson, is an Exceptional Children's teacher at Rose Hill - Magnolia Elementary School. They both graduated from Methodist University. Gerron's husband Justin, is a sergeant in the US Army at Ft. Bragg. Anna's husband is a Wilmington firefighter. I also have a 17 month old grandson, Abel Henderson.

In memory of my daddy, it would be a pleasure to serve on this committee.

Sincerely,
Ronda L Rivenbark
rlrivenbark@hotmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Reply | Forward

April 4, 2021

Penr, F. Thorne
123 Currie Street
Wallace, NC 28466

(910) 271-5363

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
PO Box 910
Kenansville, NC 28349

Attn: Clerk of the Board of Commissioners/David Brinson
Re: Interview for the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.

Dear Clerk of the Board of Commissioners/David Brinson:

My name is Patricia Thorne, I live in Wallace and I have been a resident of Duplin County for several years. This letter of interest is to request that you consider me for one of the positions for the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. I know that I will be an asset to the board because of my diverse background and personal experiences.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Psychology. I am a licensed Educator for Grades (6-9), a tutor, a mentor, a Census Enumerator, and an advocate for our youth and community. Being an advocate for our youth and our community has brought to me from my life experiences and my memberships in the Duplin County Alumni Association, Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc. These experiences can contribute to the goal of the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.

I look forward to an appointment with the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. You may reach me at the address, phone number, and email above with any additional questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration for this appointment.

Sincerely,

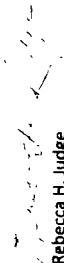
Patricia Thorne

Penr, F. Thorne

environment for their children

It has been a pleasure serving on this board and I feel that my input has been of value. I really hate to leave it but there is a time for all things and I'm sure I will fill that void with something else of value to mankind. Thank you for giving me that opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,


Rebecca H. Judge

910 290 0758

CC: Mrs. Marcia Wright, Chairman
Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.

Rebecca H Judge
1383 S NC 41/111 HWY.
Beulaville, NC 28518
January 6, 2021

Duplin County Commissioners
224 Seminary Street
Kenansville, NC 28349

Greetings

Here's hoping that you and your families and our county will have a prosperous New Year.

I am writing to tender my resignation from the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency (ECHSA) Board of Directors at the end of this month. I have represented Duplin County on this board for eighteen years. The agency now consists of Onslow, Duplin, and New Hanover counties. The main office is located in Jacksonville where most of the meetings are held, however the meetings of the Board are sometimes in Wallace, the Duplin County office and in Wilmington the New Hanover County office. I am not driving much these days and especially at night. Of course right now we are doing virtual meetings but looking forward to the day when we can again meet together in person

The Duplin County office is located at 1326 N Teachey Street, Wallace. The programs administered by the agency include: Section 8 Housing, Community Services Block Grant- Family Self Sufficiency Program (CSBG-FSS), provide comprehensive services with many tools designed to address the needs of the entire family unit. ECHSA, Inc. administers programs that provide participants with the highest possibility of becoming economically and socially self-sufficient. This enables members of the family to earn a better living through education and training, plan for their financial future, receive short-term assistance with housing and nutrition, and provide a safe and loving

April 4, 2021

Penny F Thorne
123 Currie Street
Wallace, NC 28466

(910) 271-5363

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 910
Kenansville, NC 28349

Attn: Clerk of the Board of Commissioners/David Brinson
Re: Appointment to the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc

Dear Clerk of the Board of Commissioners/David Brinson

My name is Penny F Thorne I live in Wallace and I have been a resident of Duplin County for sixteen (16) years This letter of interest is to request that you consider me for one of the appointments to the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. I know that I will be an asset to this board because of my diverse background and personal experiences.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Psychology. I am a licensed Middle Grades (6-9) Educator, a tutor, a mentor, a Census Enumerator, and an advocate for our youth and community Being an advocate for our youth and our community, this stems from my life experiences and my membership in the Duplin County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc. These experiences can contribute to the goals of the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc

I look forward to my appointment to the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. You may contact me at the address, phone number, and email above with any additional questions or concerns Thank you for your consideration for this appointment

Sincerely,

Penny F Thorne

Penny F Thorne

February 25, 2021

Dear Davis H. Brinson, County Manager

I am submitting this letter of interest as I am applying for a volunteer position on the Board of Directors for Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc I am a Duplin County native with a background in human resources and human services. I would love the chance to give back by lending my talents to an organization that helps so many others.

I work to employ talented individuals every day in this county and I have a strong background in developing human performance, capabilities and resources. With this background and knowledge I believe I would serve as an excellent Board Member to this organization.

Feel free to contact me by phone or email at a convenient time to further discuss my abilities. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely, -

(*Tonya M. Kenan*

Tonya M. Kenan
tonyamkenan@gmail.com
910-554-8127

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date	March 28, 2021
Name	Joseph D Murray, Jr
Address	1465 Cypress Creek Road
City	Wallace
State	NC
Zip Code	28466
Telephone	910-289-0474
Email	jmurray@duplinschools.net
Interested in being appointed to	James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees

Qualifications:

Lifelong resident of Duplin County
Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor with Duplin County Schools for over 20 years
Genuine interest in JSCC and a desire to serve because of the many students of mine who have benefited from this institution

February 25, 2021

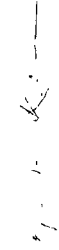
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I feel free to contact me by phone or email at a convenient time to further discuss my abilities. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,


Lonya M. Kenan
lkenan@duplinnc.org
910-554-8127

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date March 13, 2021

Name Landon Harper

Address 2097 Fountaintown Road

City Chinquapin

State North Carolina

Zip Code 28521

Telephone (910) 271-0222 or (910) 430-6003 Ext 103

Email landon@lamberthinsuranceservices.com

Interested in being appointed to:

James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees as a Board Member

Qualifications:

Please refer to resume attached.

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date 3/19/2021

Name Hugh Gerald Miller, Jr

Address 1247 Sarecta Road

City Pink Hill

State NC

Zip Code 28572

Telephone 910-290-0423

Email hgmler1283@gmail.com

Interested in being appointed to:

James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees

Qualifications:

Graduate of North Carolina A&T State University - B.A. - Political Science (2006)
Currently employed with NC Department of Labor - Agricultural Compliance Safety Officer (Employed in State Govt - 15 yrs)
Formerly worked with Employment Security Commission (Raleigh, Goldsboro, and Kenansville offices)
Manager of Environmental Safety and Health Programs Certification Program (2020)
Co-Owner of H&H Farms of Pink Hill - Grow row crops (Corn, Soybeans, and Wheat) and Pasture Pork
Former Assistant Fire Chief - Sarecta Volunteer Fire Department (Served 20 years)
Former Duplin County Farm Bureau Board of Director (Served 4 years)
Duplin County Agribusiness Council Board Member (Currently 10 years)
Duplin County Young Farmer and Rancher Member (Currently 4 years)
Member of the North Carolina Natural Hog Growers Cooperative (15 years)
NC Tobacco Trust Fund Leadership Development Program Graduate (2014-16)

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date 3/17/21

Name Austin K Brown

Address 1929 Lyman Rd

City Chinquapin

State NC

Zip Code 28521

Telephone 910-271-4915

Email austinbrown_1181@hotmail.com

Interested in being appointed to:

JSCC Board of Trustees

Qualifications:

BS Degree From NCSU 2004
Chinquapin Water Association Board Member
Construction Manager for Smithfield and I know how valuable a Technical College is for our area
A Parent of two girls that one day I hope attends JSCC for a higher education

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date March 17, 2021

Name J Michael Davis

Address 182 Jeff Outlaw Road

City Mount Olive

State North Carolina

Zip Code 28365

Telephone Home 919-658-0227 Work 919-735-2611* Cell 919-738-2401

Email michael.davis@icemc.com

Interested in being appointed to:

James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees

Qualifications:

I serve as the General Manager/CEO of Tri County Electric Membership Corporation based in Dudley serving 26,000 members in Wayne, Duplin, and Lenoir counties. A graduate of East Carolina University with a BSBA in Accounting, I began employment with the cooperative in December, 1975 and became the General Manager/CEO in June, 1988. My wife Bernice and I have three sons, Preston, Lance and Nolan. Currently, I am a member of the Board of Directors of 3HC Home Health and Hospice Care and Kitty Askins Hospice Center, the Outlaw Foundation, the Advisory Council of the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina, the North Carolina Global Transpark Authority, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives, and the Tarheel Electric Membership Association. Formerly, I was on the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank, the President of the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina and the President of the Board of Trustees for Wayne Country Day School. My family and I are active members of Long Ridge Original Free Will Baptist Church where I serve as church clerk, deacon, youth advisor and the Sunday School teacher for high school/college students.

Work Phone

252-560-1551

Email Address

blizz_smith12@live.com

Occupation

Farmer

Place of Employment

Self-Employed

Race (for diversity purposes only)

White

Gender

Female

Age

61

Hours per month available for position

15 Hours

County Advisory Board currently serving on

None

Expiration Date (if you are currently serving on a board)

N/A

Education

East Duplin High School Graduate, Bachelor's in School & Community Health Education ECU, Master of Arts D

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date March 18, 2021

Name Melissa Blizzard Stevens

Address 168 Red Berry Drive

City Wallace

State NC

Zip Code 28466

Telephone (910) 296-1250

Email legalteam@melissablizzardstevens.com

Interested in being appointed to:

James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees

Qualifications:

Please see the attached Resume

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date 3/19/2021

Name Jason "Blake" Phillips

Address 279 Johnson Church RD

City Warsaw

State NC

Zip Code 28398

Telephone 910-290-0615

Email jbpillips0115@email.campbell.edu

Interested in being appointed to
JSCC Board of Trustees

Qualifications:

Leadership qualifications at Campbell University
Wealth Management and Finance Degrees
About to start law school
See qualifications on attached resume

How did you learn of the vacancy?

Radio ☐
TV ☐
Newspaper ☐
Other ☒

Business and civic experience

Member of Duplin County Quality of Life, served on the BF Grady & East Duplin High School Advisory Board, Duplin County Hall of Fame Board and a member and elder of Smith Presbyterian Church

Area of expertise and interests/skills

Employee of James Sprunt Community College for 13 years Held positions in the HRD/JTPA department teaching basic skills and GED preparation Worked as an education admissions counselor at the Duplin County Correctional Center and taught GED preparation Also, worked on campus as an admissions and job placement counselor

I am a current vendor with Duplin County

Yes ☐
No ☒

County Commission District (Choose One)

1 ☐
2 ☒
3 ☐
4 ☐
5 ☐

I, hereby, authorize Duplin County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS 132-1) and may be released upon request

Signature:

Aanya Smith

Jason 'Blake' Phillips
jbphillips01115@email.campbell.edu
910-290-0615

Home Address
279 Johnson Church Road
Warsaw, NC 28398

School Address
436 Marshbanks Street, L5
Lillington, NC 27546

EDUCATION

Campbell University	May 2021
B.B.A.: Trust and Wealth Management. Concentration in Pre-Law	
Minor: Financial Planning	

Grade Point Average

Undergraduate: 3.928
Major: 4.0

Honors

President's List (3.9 or higher) – 6 semesters
Dean's List (3.5 or higher) – 3 semesters
Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society – GPA of 3.5 or higher
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society – Top 10% of graduating students

Scholarships

Norman Adrian & Mildred Harmon Wiggins Scholarship, Scott-Ellis Academic Merit Scholarship, Harry C. Carter Endowed Scholarship, First Citizens Bank Scholarship, Kenansville Lions Club Scholarship, Campbell University Residence Life Scholarship, Dr. Lewis and Annebelle Fetterman Business Scholarship, John Mason Memorial Business Scholarship, Dr. Ernest Paskel Sauls Business Scholarship, Southeastern Trust School - Trust Management Scholarship, Admissions Ambassador Scholarship, Dorothy and Joseph Barber Business Scholarship, and the Newkirk Family Trust Management Scholarship

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Student Body Vice President, Campbell University SGA	May 2020 - Present
- Member of the Campbell University COVID-19 Task Force, participate in meetings twice a week - Chair of the Student Conduct Committee, the committee that holds hearings of all students who have committed acts of academic dishonesty or student conduct violations - Chair of the Campbell University Inter-Organizational Counsel; the committee that proportions and distributes funding to all university clubs - Chair of the Student Subcommittee of the COVID-19 Task Force - Preside over bi-weekly Congressional meetings where 45 SGA representatives vote on legislation to improve the school - Provide written updates to the student body through SGA social media channels at each Congressional meeting - Meet weekly with members of all classes and committees to enhance productivity of the organization - Meet weekly with Vice President of Student Life to provide SGA updates	

Parliamentarian, Campbell University SGA

- Presided over Congressional meetings in the absence of the Student Body Vice President
- Ensured Robert's Rules of Order were strictly adhered to
- Member of SGA Rules Committee

May 2019 - May 2020

Good afternoon Mr. Davis,

Here's hoping this email finds you well. Below is my application for the JSCC Board of Trustees appointee vacancy.

Application for Appointment to a Duplin County, NC --- Board, Commission or Committee

Date: 3/17/21
Name: Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Address: 214 W Clement Street
City: Wallace
State: NC
Zip Code: 28466
Telephone: 910-284-1468
Email: franciscord81@gmail.com

Interested in being appointed to:
James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees

Qualifications:

Associates Degree in information Systems from JSCC
Bachelor's degree and Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Mount Olive
15 years of experience between Duplin DSS and Duplin County Schools

Experience as board member in the:

- Wallace Town Council
- NC Governor's Advisory Committee for Hispanic/Latino Affairs
- Vidant Duplin Hospital Directors Council
- Duplin County Community Foundation
- NC State Employees Credit Union Advisory Board
- United States Selective Service Board for Duplin County

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,

Legal Intern, Phillips & Phillips Attorneys at Law - File and record documents at the Duplin County Courthouse and Register of Deeds office - Attend litigation and court proceedings - Prepare exhibits for trial - Make copies and organize files to improve efficiency of the firm - Pick up mail and make deposits at the bank - Read over legal documents to ensure there are no grammatical errors	May 2015 - Present		Executive Treasurer, Campbell University SGA - Created and maintained the \$110,000 annual SGA budget - Chaired SGA Finance Committee - Member of Campbell University Inter-Organizational Counsel - Submitted purchase orders on behalf of all SGA members - Managed finances for Campbell's first annual Dance Marathon - Met weekly with the Dean of Student Life	May 2018 - May 2019
First Year Seminar Mentor, Campbell University School of Business - Acted as the liaison between the students, Dean, Student Success Coordinator, and teaching assistant for BADM-100 - Mentored freshmen in making social, business, and personal connections in an attempt to instill networking skills - Assisted freshmen in successful transition to college - Facilitated students' semester-long project of developing and marketing a food truck	August 2018 - May 2020		Freshman Class Vice President, Campbell University SGA - Presented legislation to enhance the school - Called regular class meetings - Chaired the Advancement Committee; the committee that manages the social media and marketing of SGA	Sept. 2017 - May 2018
First Year Seminar Teaching Assistant, Campbell University Business School - Work in conjunction with the Dean and Student Success Coordinator to plan material for BADM-100 (Business School's freshman seminar) - Provide leadership training for 15 mentors during weekly meetings - Collaborate with local organizations to organize service projects for mentors - Grade papers and presentations - Manage grades and meet individually with students who are at risk of not performing well in the course	May 2020 - Present		Homecoming and Spring Fling Committee Member, Campus Activities Board (CAB) - Attend bi-weekly meetings to plan Campbell's Homecoming and Spring Fling - Attend CAB general meetings - Participate in the execution of Spring Fling and Homecoming to ensure that events run smoothly	August 2017 - Present
			Off-Campus Committee Member, Campus Activities Board (CAB) - Attended bi-weekly meetings to plan weekend trips for Campbell students - Organized trip details and manage sign-ups - Worked in conjunction with the committee chair to plan a great off-campus experience for students	August 2017 - August 2020
WORK EXPERIENCE				
Real Estate Asset Management Intern, Wells Fargo - Conducted an internal audit of trust acceptance documents and reconciled errors in Wells Fargo's national file-sharing database - Reviewed and summarized 43 trust documents of new accounts for annual Reg-9 inspection forms - Searched the closed account database to find beneficiaries of income that was awaiting distribution - Navigated through several county tax collector websites to verify that tax bills had been paid and reflected findings on the internal payment website - Assisted in the processing of monthly residential and commercial property management statements - Listed claims and collaborated with the Wells Fargo legal team on behalf of the COVID-19 Hardship Committee - Collaborated with Asset Managers, IFS Associates, and upper management while creating a master spreadsheet of all 1,100 trust properties on the west coast - Successfully overcame the San Francisco time zone barrier while working remotely - Developed a stronger understanding of real estate held in trust and the importance of accurate detail in documents for trust accounts	Summer 2019			Summer 2020
Volunteer Firefighter, Warsaw Fire Department, Inc. - Attend weekly meetings and respond to calls for service - Received over 1,200 hours of training and am only two classes away from obtaining my North Carolina State Firefighter Certification	December 2015 - Present		Admissions Ambassador, Campbell University Office of Admissions - Assist team members with daily tasks including answering phones, filing paperwork, making acceptance packages, and organizing the office - Facilitate campus tours for prospective students and their families in both one-on-one and group settings - Participate on student panels and administer group tours for Accepted Students' Day - Assist faculty with logistics of the annual Campbell Scholarship Day	August 2019 - Present

Geraldine A. Tucker

464 N. NC 11 Hwy
Pink Hill, NC 28572

March 3, 2021

Honorable Jesse Dowe, Chairman
Duplin County Board of Commissioners
P O Box 158
Kenansville, NC 28349

Dear Chairman Dowe

It is with regret that I submit my resignation on James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees. It has been my privilege to serve on the Board since 2005.

Thank you for the honor to serve on the Board of James Sprunt Community College. I will always promote Duplin County and James Sprunt Community College.

Sincerely,



Geraldine A. Tucker

3-3-2021



James
Sprunt
Community College

March 11, 2021

Mr. Jesse Dowe, Chair
Duplin County Commissioners
PO Box 910
Kenansville, NC 28349

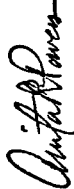
Dear Mr. Dowe,

Mrs. Geraldine Tucker, James Sprunt Community College Board Member, resigned her position effective March 3, 2021. Mrs. Tucker has served with distinction in this role since 2005 and the College is grateful for her service.

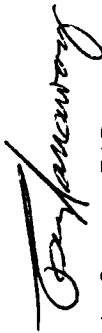
This is to request a two-year appointment to the Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Community College through June 30, 2023 to fulfill Mrs. Tucker's term.

Thank you for your continued support of our community college.

Sincerely,



Anita R. Powers
Chair to the Board of Trustees



Jay Carraway, Ed.D.
President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

cc Mr. Davis Brinson, County Manager
Mrs. Geraldine Tucker

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2097 Fountaintown Road
Chinquapin, NC 28521
(910) 271-0222
landonharper0123@gmail.com

Skilled with 2+ years of experience in sales, business management, and business development. Possess an Associate in Arts, NC Property & Casualty Insurance License, and actively working towards a Bachelor's degree. Looking to leverage my wealth of knowledge in insurance or business.

Landon Harper

EXPERIENCE

Fountaintown Fire Department,
Chinquapin, NC — *Volunteer Firefighter*

JULY 2017 - PRESENT

Active and dedicated volunteer firefighter that responds to fire and medical emergencies, while also continuing my education with firefighter certifications and attending weekly training meetings.

SKILLS

Communication skills, adaptability, technical literacy, leadership/management skills, strong work values, excel under pressure, and self confidence

GENERAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1994-Present: I have been a practicing trial attorney for my entire legal career. My areas of practice have included family law, criminal law and real estate. While still maintaining a general practice for our clients, in the last 15 years I have concentrated my private law practice in the area of family law. Family law encompasses Child Custody, Child Support, Equitable Distribution, Alimony and PostSeparation Support.

CHILD SUPPORT EXPERIENCE

1996-2005: I represented the Duplin County Department of Social Services relative to the agency's child support cases and child protective services cases. I remained in this role for a period of 8 years until my, then, law partner left his role as the Duplin County attorney.

2002-Present: I represent the Onslow County Child Support Services, formerly the Onslow County Child Support Agency, prosecuting thousands of child support cases in court, to include, establishments, interventions, modifications and enforcement actions. I work hand-in-hand with the staff and management at the agency in support of the county's efforts to provide an efficient and effective service to the county's residents.

EMPLOYMENT

1994-1996: Lawyer
LANIER & FOUNTAIN (Lanier, Fountain, Ceruzzi & Sabbah)
I worked in the satellite office of this firm that was located in Kenansville, North Carolina, handling criminal matters, family matters, personal injury matters and juvenile issues.

1996-1996: Assistant District Attorney
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 4TH PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT
I worked as an assistant DA for six months prosecuting criminal matters in Duplin and Sampson Counties.

J. Kim Hatcher Insurance - Kim Hatcher,
Wallace, NC — *Customer Service Representative*

November 2019 - August 2020

Avid sales associate that tends to our client's property and casualty insurance needs - taking payments, issuing quotes, and managing accounts. While also, searching for prospective leads and selling policies to new clients.

Lamberth Insurance Services,
Wallace, NC — *Independent Insurance Agent*

AUGUST 2020 - PRESENT

Dedicated Independent Insurance Agent that identifies sales opportunities for insurance plans and oversees a large portfolio of clients. Also responsible for identifying risk management strategies, handling policy renewals, and tracking claims, while also handling various business development tasks.

EDUCATION

Duplin Early College High School,
Kenansville, NC — *High School Diploma*

GRADUATED, MAY 2019

James Sprunt Community College,
Kenansville, NC — *Associate in Arts*

GRADUATED, MAY 2019

Licenses & Extracurriculars
North Carolina Property Insurance License

January 2020

North Carolina Casualty Insurance License

January 2020

North Carolina State Firefighters' Association

MARCH 2018 - PRESENT

North Carolina Association of Rescue & Emergency Medical Services

JULY 2018 - PRESENT

CPR Certified

MARCH 2021 - MARCH 2023

Duplin County Advisory Board Application

The Duplin Board of County Commissioners appreciates the interest of all citizens willing to serve their Community through participation on County advisory boards.

To submit a hard copy of this application form, call the Clerk of the Board at 910-296-2100 or email to dbrinson@duplincountync.com. Applications are subject to the N C Public Records Law (NCGS 132-1) and may be released upon request. There is an annual attendance requirement for persons serving of 75% from the time one's term begins until the end of that calendar year and each subsequent calendar year. Persons serving must be a resident of Duplin County. Person's nominated and/or appointed will receive an e-mail confirmation Applications remain active for one year

Name of Advisory Board of Interest (One board per application)

James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees

(Legal Name & Address - Please do not use a P.O. Box or Business Address)

Sonya B Smith 2444 N NC Hwy 111 Pink Hill NC 28572

First Name

Sonya

Last Name

Smith

Residential Address

2444 N NC Hwy 111

City

Pink Hill

Zip

28572

Home Phone

252-568-4780

1996-2000: Lawyer and Associate

TIMOTHY W. SMITH, P.A.

I assisted with the legal needs of the County of Duplin to include prosecuting the county's child support cases, child protective services, real estate closings relative to the county's installation of county water lines and property acquisitions. I also engaged in the private practice of law representing family law clients, criminal clients, and performed real estate closings.

2000-2019: Partner

SMITH & BLIZZARD, P.A.

The firm continued to represent Duplin County until 2003, our firm began representing Onslow County Child Support Enforcement Agency, now Onslow Child Support Services in 2002, while maintaining a private practice engaged in family law matters, criminal matters, personal injury matters and other areas of general practice.

June, 2019-Present: Owner and Lawyer

MELISSA BLIZZARD STEVENS, P.A.

I am the owner and sole practitioner at the firm. I continue to represent Onslow County Child Support Services, along with managing a private practice which includes family law matters, criminal matters and commercial and residential real estate closings.

MISCELLANEOUS

Past board member of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee in Duplin County

Past board member and chair of the Presbyterian Early Enrichment Program (PEEP) at the Beulaville Presbyterian Church

Current board member of the Duplin County Hall of Fame

Current board member of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church Session

BRANCH

- 1 - ~~SONYA~~ DIAZ
- 2 - ~~MELISSA~~ STEPHENS
- 3 - ~~FRANCISCO~~ SMITH

JARNER

- 1 - Sonya Smith
- 2 - Melissa Stevens
- 3 - Francisco Rivas Diaz

DONE

EDWARDS

- 1 - Francisco Rivas-Diaz
- 2 - MELISSA STEPHENS
- 3 - Sonya Smith

- 1 - Sonya
- 2 - Melissa
- 3 - Francisco

DIAZ
DANE 1
EDWARDS 3
GARNER 3
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Daniel H. Dumas
Clerk to the Court
J. L. Dumas
County Attorney

THOMPSON

1 - Steady
2 - Small
3 - Diet