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PCC names 2010-2011 Student Ambassadors

PCC has selected three Student Ambassadors for the 2010-2011 academic year. They are: Jonitta (Jody) Davis of Roxboro, Patricia Gebe of Hillsborough, and Mary Ellen West of Semora. The students will serve as official student representatives of the College at community and school functions. They will also serve as greeters, conduct tours, and assist in other ways in College functions.

Davis is a Computer Programming major with a 3.93 grade point average (GPA). She is a student tutor and a member of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society. She also has been a volunteer speaker for the Roxboro Police Department and Mothers Against Driving Drunk (MADD). She also was an orientation specialist at the Naval Nuclear Training Command in Goose Creek, S.C.

Davis hopes to start her own web design/animation company. “I have had nothing but great experiences at PCC,” said Davis. “I haven’t had an instructor that I haven’t liked. I have never felt like they didn’t have time to help if I needed it. This is the first school I’ve been to that I feel like I’m actually learning something. I finally feel that one day I can reach my goal of owning my own business.”

Gebe is a student in PCC’s Associate Degree Nursing program and maintains a 3.63 GPA. She is a member of the PCC Nursing Club and volunteers for the Lions Club Vision Van, UNC Hospitals, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and the Walk for Hope. After graduation, Gebe would like to work at an area hospital and eventually attend East Carolina University’s RN to MSN program and become a Nurse Practitioner.
“From the first time I visited the PCC campus, I felt welcome,” said Gebe. “Everyone I have encountered, both faculty and student, have been extremely supportive of my goals. I know from experience that this is an excellent place to further one’s education. I would love to have the opportunity to tell others about my positive experience. I also welcome the opportunity to give back to the college, as it has given so much to me.”

West is a student in PCC’s Pre-Nursing program and has a 3.75 GPA. She has been named to the Part-Time Students Honors list and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society. She volunteers at the local Little League ball field. West plans to complete the Association Degree Nursing Program and pursue a career in the health care industry.

“I feel proud to be an Ambassador because I feel as though PCC has given me a second chance,” said West. After her family was affected by the economic downturn, West found herself facing the fact that she had no employment skills that would allow her to contribute financially to her family. “From my very first ‘sit down’ with the staff at Piedmont to see which direction to even start in, I was very encouraged. Everyone has been very helpful, and that has helped me stay on track with my goals.” West said she would like to “return the favor” by helping others as an Ambassador.

The PCC Ambassadors are an honorary group of students who have been nominated, interviewed and selected by faculty and staff to represent the College at special events on campus and in the community. As Ambassadors, the three students received scholarships administered through the PCC Foundation, which sponsors the Ambassadors program.