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## Miller Continues Funding Unique Scholarship Program

For the fourth consecutive year, Miller Brewing Company presented Rockingham Community College with \$20,000 to fund Train and Gain Scholarships for students enrolled in the college's Industrial Systems Technology programs.

"We are grateful to Miller for their continuing support of the college and our students," said Dr. Robert Keys, Rockingham Community College president. "Miller's vision of the need for occupational and technical training for the future is commendable and provides the motivation for students to acquire employment skills needed in today's workforce."

Miller established the unique scholarship program as a component of Miller REACH™, the company's corporate social investment platform. REACH™ supports community efforts in five areas including employment and jobs.

"As one of the areas largest employers, we have a direct stake in ensuring we have immediate access to a skilled labor work force now and into the future," said Jim Smith, plant manager in Eden. "There continues to be a high demand for skilled laborers and through this tremendous partnership we have developed a quality training program where Train and Gain graduates are increasingly sought after."

The Train and Gain Scholarship Program provides \$1,000 renewable scholarships to full time students in any Rockingham Community College in-



*Jim Smith, plant manager in Eden, presents Dr. Robert Keys with a check for \$20,000 to fund Train and Gain Scholarships.*

dustrial technology program which include air conditioning, heating, and refrigeration; electrical/electronics; machining; industrial maintenance; general occupational technology; and more.

In addition to scholarships, a previous Train and Gain grant also provided funds for purchasing a specialized mechanical training bench which teaches students to troubleshoot, diagnose, test and inspect a variety of industrial systems.

## Need Help?

### **FAFSA Workshop Will Be Held on Campus Feb. 9**

On Saturday February 9, 2008 college financial aid officers and other volunteers will help students complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms. The program is open to students who plan to attend college in the 2008-09 academic year and will be held at 56 sites across North Carolina. Rockingham Community College is one of these sites.

The FAFSA workshop will be held in rooms 206-A and 208 of the Humanities Building on the RCC campus. It begins at 9 AM, lasts until noon, and costs nothing! Registration deadline is Feb. 8. To register, visit website [CFNC.org/FAFSADAY](http://CFNC.org/FAFSADAY) or call 866-866-CFNC.

Participants are urged to obtain their PIN at least three days before the program (see below) and to bring a copy of the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet (see below).

Ample parking is available on campus for this event.

Interested individuals should also note the following:

- FAFSA Day takes place before most deadlines for submission of the form, but you should check with the institution(s) you are considering to make sure their deadlines are not earlier.
- Some colleges require additional documents, such as institutional financial aid forms or the CSS PROFILE. The financial aid representatives on site the day of the program will provide guidance about forms other than the FAFSA, but they may not be familiar

with some forms. They may advise students to contact the financial aid offices at the colleges they are considering if they need assistance.

In addition, participants will also need to bring the following:

- A completed copy of the student's and parents' federal 1040 tax forms for 2007 to the FAFSA Day program. (If federal tax returns have not been completed, please bring W2 forms and other tax and income documents.)
- A Personal Identification Number (PIN) for each parent and student. Prior to FAFSA Day, PIN numbers can be obtained from the Department of Education: <http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

- Completed FAFSA pre-application worksheet (Don't worry if you don't know all the answers.) The FAFSA on the Web Worksheet for 2008-09 is available online: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/fafsaws78c.pdf>

Don't want to wait until February 9th? Fill out your FAFSA now: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

***What to Do When the Weather is Bad***  
Tune in to local media and listen for an announcement: WLOE/WMYN AM (1490), WXII TV -12, WAKG-FM (103), WXLV TV-45, WJMH FM (102.1), WFMY TV-2, WGSR Channel 39 or 5, WGHP TV-8.  
*RCC will not announce when the college will operate as usual.*

## *Small Business Center*

### ***Announces January Seminars***

Whether you own a business or run your household like one, the Small Business Center at Rockingham Community College has several outstanding seminars planned in January to help with common problems.

On Jan. 22 the seminar, "Is Anybody Accountable Anymore?" will be presented by Johnny Bullins. In this seminar, Bullins will discuss how the lack of systemic accountability is costing corporate America billions of dollars each year through employee theft, rework, defective products, inefficiency, workplace conflicts and misunderstandings. In addition, Bullins will discuss how this lack of accountability leads to ineffective work practices, quality control issues, unequal work practices and more. This seminar will be informative, interesting, and eye-opening.

On Jan. 29, Denise Ryan will reveal strategies to help individuals stop being ineffective. In her seminar, "Kicking Your Own Buts," Ryan explores theories of change and through those theories, explains how individuals can take charge of their lives and accomplish their goals. After this seminar, there will be no more "butts."

The above free seminars will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. in room 105 of the Advanced Technologies Building at RCC.

For those interested in starting a business, Debi Joyce is beginning another course on "How to Start and/or Succeed as a Business Owner." The course fee is \$55 (free to those 65 and older) and meets every Monday, Jan. 28-April 4, from 6:30-9 p.m. in room 105 of the Advanced Technologies Building.

During this 10-week course, individuals will explore the idea of owning a business and through case study worksheets, gather the tools needed to create or finish a business plan, which is the foundation of any small business. After completing the course, individuals will be eligible to apply for the NC Microenterprise loan.

For more information, or to register for a seminar or the 10-week course, call 342-4261, Ext. 2316.

## **College Announces New and Retiring Personnel**

RCC recently welcomed several new faculty and staff members. It also bids good by to two individuals who have served the college long and well.

**Todd Drake** accepted the position of Instructor in Fine Arts effective January 2, 2008. He comes to RCC from Guilford College where he served as Associate Professor in Art History. As an adjunct instructor, he also taught Art classes at High Point University. Todd received his B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and his M.F.A. degree from UNC-Greensboro. We welcome Todd to RCC.

**Nida Mullins** accepted the Director of Nursing Programs position effective January 2, 2008. Prior to her appointment to RCC, she was employed

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## We Are Looking Forward to Meeting with You!

At the Student Success Center, we will work with you to provide the skills needed to be a successful college student and establish short- and long-term goals to plan for your academic success. These skills (e.g., time management, study strategies, stress management, note-taking, test-taking) are delivered through a variety of workshops and individual appointments.

Stop by and talk with an advisor. The Student Success Center is located in room 207 of the James Library. It is open Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 until 6, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 until 5, and Friday from 8:30 until 12. Please phone 336-342-4261, ext. 2795.

The Student Success Center is a resource for students, faculty, and staff.

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at A&T State University as Nursing Instructor. Nida received her A.S.N. degree from Davis & Elkins College; her B.S.N. degree from Fairmont State College, and her M.S.N. degree from UNC-Greensboro. We welcome Nida to RCC.

**Kristin Merritt** accepted the position of Technical Support Specialist effective January 2, 2008. During the year of 2007 she worked as a work study student for the Technology Support Services department. Kristin will complete her Associate's Degree from RCC effective May 9, 2008. We welcome Kristin to the full-time staff at RCC.

**David Kenealy** submitted his retirement effective February 1, 2008. He was employed at RCC in February 1987 as Instructor in Fine and Creative Woodworking. David's education, experiences, and training over the past 21 years have enabled him to provide excellent instruction to RCC students. We wish David much success in both his retirement and in his future endeavors.

**Ann Tanner** submitted her retirement effective March 1, 2008. She was employed at RCC in July 1997 as Director of Human Resources. Ann came to RCC with thirty-three years of HR experience in the textile industry. We wish Ann many wonderful years of retirement.

## Webmaster by Day, Poet by Choice

Curtis Dunlap's day job as webmaster for the campus' Blackboard keeps him busy with information technology. Now you can find out what Curtis does when he's not tweaking code and installing patches.

Haiku and other poems written by Dunlap will be featured on Shreve Memorial Library's Electronic Poetry Network. One of his poems will be running each day on an electronic message board at the Main Library in Shreveport, Louisiana. They will also appear on a companion location for the EPN on the library's web site: [www.shreve-lib.org/images/Poem.htm](http://www.shreve-lib.org/images/Poem.htm). Here's just one sample:

*karaoke night—  
a barfly dances  
with the wall flower*

## Oakley Named Employee of the Year

T.J. Oakley works third shift at RCC for Weiser Security Company. This fall he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the job of supervisor at RCC. Last month, T.J. was recognized by Bobby Hussey, district manager of Weiser Security, as "Employee of the Year" for this district (which covers four states). Congratulations to T.J. Oakley for a job well done!

## M. L. King Holiday, Global Warming Are Topics of Interest on the Library Blogspot

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is celebrated on January 21 in the United States. While many civil rights leaders participated in the civil rights struggle, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the way. A minister's son who was inspired by Gandhi's philosophy of non-violent resistance, King's influence and leadership led to sweeping changes in American society. The act creating a national holiday for Dr. King was signed into law in 1983. In addition to the books in the library display case, you may want to check out the following online resources: an online tribute to Dr. King at the Schwartz Library, Long Island University; online audio for "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been To The Mountaintop," two of Dr. King's most famous speeches; Time magazine's photo essay, "The Last Days of Martin Luther King Jr."; and President Reagan's remarks on the signing of legislation creating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Global Warming is a controversial topic with many people. Although there is little argument that temperatures worldwide seem to be rising, there are many viewpoints on what is causing this to occur. In addition to the books on display in the library, you may want to check out the following online resources: the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) FAQ page on Global Warming; the Union of Concerned Scientists Global Warming Page; the British Court ruling about the movie based on Al Gore's book, "An Inconvenient Truth"; and the information page for the British documentary film "The Great Global Warming Swindle".

Active links mentioned in the above articles are available at: <http://jameslibraryherald.blogspot.com/>

## Retirees Have Center of Excellence

Ruth Mitchell, director of the Center for Active Retirement at Rockingham Community College, is glowing with pride.

"We recently met all criteria and achieved recognition as a Senior Center of Excellence from the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services," she said. The center's designation will be in effect through Dec. 31, 2010.

Twice before, the center was designated as a center of merit. This is the first time it has received the center of excellence designation.

State certification is a voluntary process known as SCOPE (Senior Center Operations and Program Evaluation) which senior centers can use in order to be recognized in their communities and across the state.

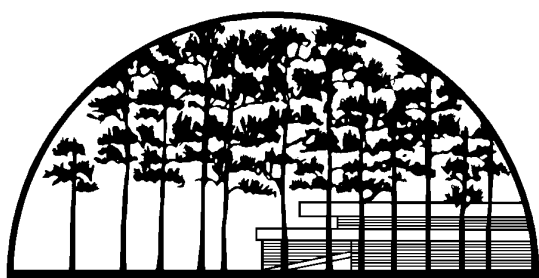
SCOPE is a self-assessment tool which measures a center's strengths and weaknesses. Assessment consists of 56 questions divided into six sections covering activities, collaboration with other agencies, marketing efforts, accessibility to the public, adherence to local codes and regulations, services, and much more.

As a center of excellence, the Center for Active Retirement is recognized as a viable, fundable, and qualified provider of services within the community. It is also a center which provides exemplary services and opportunities to the community and serves as a mentor and model to developing centers.

For more information or to receive the center's bi-monthly newsletter which provides information about the services and activities, call Ruth Mitchell at 342-4261, Ext. 2163.

### Don't miss our next deadline!

February 11 is the deadline for our next edition. Send all information to Lee Dodson (ext. 2155), [dodsonl@rockinghamcc.edu](mailto:dodsonl@rockinghamcc.edu).



# Rockingham Community College

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## Scholarship Continues Nurse's Care

Until her own health deteriorated, Devona Sands spent her life caring for others. After taking the necessary steps to become a nurse, she graduated in 1987 from the nursing program at Rockingham Community College. For the next 12 years she worked in the labor and delivery department at The Women's Hospital of Greensboro.

Recently, Sands' family acknowledged her life and devotion to helping others by establishing the Devona Sands Memorial Nursing Scholarship at RCC. The scholarship will be awarded to full time RCC students enrolled in the nursing program who are residents of western Rockingham County, maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, demonstrate financial need, and exhibit a true commitment to the nursing profession.

Sands scholarships are renewable.

According to family and friends, Sands was a compassionate, young-at-heart woman who was devoted to her church and those she loved. A scholarship in her name underscores that compassion and desire to help others.

For more information, or to make gifts to the Devona Sands Memorial Nursing Scholarship fund, call the Development Office at 342-4261, ext. 2201.

### Shop and Share:

#### *You Can Help the Literacy Project*

by Thomas Knight  
Administrative Assistant

Rockingham County Literacy Project

The Rockingham County Literacy Project is once again participating in the Lion Shop and Share program. In this program, every time you shop at Food Lion and scan your MVP card, the Literacy Project will get a small portion of the money to help us buy materials to help our students learn to read. If you are new to the college or have not registered your card with us before and would like to, please send me an e-mail with your name, phone number, and \*all 12 digits\* of your MVP card number. This is our second largest fundraiser, and we appreciate your help in educating our adults of today! Phone 336-342-4261, ext. 2352 or FAX 336-634-3023. Send your e-mail to [knightt@rockinghamcc.edu](mailto:knightt@rockinghamcc.edu).

### *Bradshaw Hired as Lead Teacher for Infants at CDC*

Amy Bradshaw of Ruffin has been hired as lead teacher of the infant room in the Child Development Center at Rockingham Community College. A 2005 graduate of RCC's early childhood education program, Bradshaw has worked part time in the center since May 2001. After graduation she took a 35-hour per week position in the CDC's toddler class and began in her new full-time position on Nov. 1.

"For a while, I looked around at other possible careers but decided, no, I have to work with children; it's where I belong."

She said it all began with kindergarten.

"I was told I cried and cried when they took me to kindergarten so they walked me around for two hours showing me the school and all the wonderful things there."

Those wonderful sights and sounds and places stuck as much as Bradshaw's delight in the other children once she acclimated to her new environment. And that delight in children has driven her ever since.

In the past, little training was needed to tend to a child but with the state's involvement through the five-star rating system, today's child care worker needs to be educated about child development, age appropriate materials and tasks, child psychology and more. Together with the parents they form a team whose focus is the nurturing and developing a child in a safe and comfortable environment.



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### *Science Club Tours Body World Exhibit at Discovery Place*

by Kayla Cary

The Science Club would like to thank all those who participated and helped with our successful December pizza sale. We raised enough money to help fund our trip to Discovery Place in Charlotte to see the Body World Exhibit.

As a biochemistry major and as a human, I was amazed to see the different systems in our bodies and the effects our ways of life have on them. The exhibit is a traveling one, made up of bodies and various organs, systems, and bones preserved through a process called plastination. Through this method the scientists were even able to isolate the circulatory system and the nervous system. Unfortunately the exhibit has moved on and can no longer be viewed in Charlotte, but you can monitor the schedule and find out more at [www.bodyworlds.com](http://www.bodyworlds.com). I strongly recommend attending viewing, not only for science majors, but also for anyone who wants to know more about the wonder called the human body. It is a moving experience and one to be remembered. I would advise against taking small children because it is anatomically correct and very graphic. Although, an exhibit like that is for adults, the Discovery Place also has the kid friendly Discovery Halls (which I adored as a young child), and The IMAX Theater, which is a thrilling encounter for all.

The Science Club is hoping to plan many more activities for the spring and is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, you can either contact Mandy Comes in the Science building or see any club member.



*Amy Bradshaw, a 2005 graduate of RCC's early childhood education program, began her new full-time position in November.*

As lead teacher it is Bradshaw's role to make that happen.

"I love everything about my job," she said. "It's busy. I'm tired by the end of the day but I love it. I love watching the children grow and change and develop skills."

After a year of marriage, Bradshaw has no children of her own, but she and husband, Chad, agree that they can see at least one child in their future.

## *Adult Students Need Tutors*

Adult students need tutors. They need you. Imagine not being able to read, to write, to do basic math, or to speak the language being used around you. You can start the New Year off by truly making a difference in someone's life.

Starting February 4, the Rockingham County Literacy Project will begin an adult literacy tutor training course. This 12-hour course is taught in 3-hour segments over 4 days. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. till noon on February 4, 7, 11, and 18 in Room 103 of the Bishopric Lifelong Learning Center at Rockingham Community College. Trainees must attend all 4 sessions.

Those interested in becoming English as a Second Language tutors must attend each of the 4 sessions listed above as well as a 6-hour English as a Second Language instructional course. Classes for the ESL instructional course will be held February 21 and 25 from 9 a.m. till 12 noon in Room 103 of the Bishopric Lifelong Learning Center.

Joyce Burgart, Certified Tutor Trainer, will be the instructor for all classes.

For more information or to enroll in a training course, call Jean Light Kinyon, Executive Director, at 342-4261, Ext. 2352.

## *Housing, Transportation Sought for Irish Graduate Students This Summer*

by Ed Tweedy

It is very likely that RCC will have the opportunity to host two international graduate students for 6-8 weeks in the summer of 2008. These visiting graduate students, from the school of education at University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, would be coming here to learn more about the community college education system, public schools, and other educational systems in North Carolina and the United States. They would be able to provide assistance on campus in the way of classroom assistance, teaching assistance, and tutoring in various fields of study as they learn. They would also hope to visit some public schools (12 month) for a few days and speak to community organizations. They would hope to experience some of the culture of North Carolina along with its education systems. They would be based on our campus for most of their stay.

The visiting students can obviously benefit from this experience. Our RCC students can benefit from their exposure to these international students. A few of our instructors can get some assistance. The program at RCC, if it succeeds, will be a pilot program for the University of Ulster and for the NC Community College System, and may be spread to other NC community colleges next year.

The University of Ulster students do not expect to be paid for any work they perform. They will cover their own transportation to and from North Carolina and the cost of necessary food expenses, entertainment, tourist activities, and many other items. However, the University of Ulster has asked us to provide some housing and transportation for the students if they send them over. We need volunteers to house the students for their stay or part of their stay. We also need some help with transporting them to campus from where they live. Some options are being explored but we need all the help we can get.

If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to host a student for a few weeks in June and July, 2008, please let me know. Probably bed and a light breakfast would be all that would be asked. The students would probably eat most lunches and dinners elsewhere. But this can all be worked out depending on what is needed by hosts and students.

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## North Carolina State Government

# Internship Program Provides Unique Bridge Between Classroom and Career

Created in 1969, the North Carolina State Government Internship Program provides students with professional work experience that creates a bridge between their classroom experiences and possible career choices. The Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office (YAIIO), an advocacy agency within the North Carolina Department of Administration, coordinates the program.

The summer program offers interns an \$8.25 hourly wage for a 10-week working period. Students work 40 hours per week and participate in meetings, tours, and other activities designed to broaden their perspective of public service and state government. There are 100 internship positions available during the summer at various state agencies located throughout North Carolina and one in Washington, D.C. Prospective internship projects, as well as interns, are screened and selected by the North Carolina Internship Council.

Interns are encouraged to seek academic credit for the internship, but the student is responsible for arranging such credit and should determine the specific procedure at her/his academic institution. The Internship Council reminds all applicants that the intent of the Internship Program is to provide a variety of opportunities for students to learn about public service professions. The program is not designed to compete financially with private industry.

### Eligibility Requirements

- An applicant must be a permanent North Carolina resident attending a college, university, law school, community college or technical institute in North Carolina or a North Carolina resident attending an equivalent institution out of state.
- Applicants must carry a 2.5 or greater overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must have completed their first year of college before beginning the internship.
- Applicants must be continuing their education in the fall following their participation in the program.

## Housing, Transportation Sought for Irish Graduate Students This Summer

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The students would love to get to know some community families. If you know anyone in your community or church, or a church group or other organization who would be able to help with this, please ask them and let me know. Maybe several people could share the time if we have enough volunteers, or if a church or other group is willing to take on this project.

If you have any ideas about how we could provide some transportation to and from campus for these students, let me know. Again, we are looking at some options, but need help getting this organized. Also, we could use some volunteers to take the students on weekend trips and trips to other colleges while they are here. Ideally, it would be nice if we could get a car for them to drive. Does anyone know someone in the car sales or car rental business who might help us out?

The University of Ulster and RCC would like to see this program succeed. The University of Ulster is trying to select two students from about 20 who are interested and who are willing to cover most of the cost. However, we need to provide the housing and transportation here. If you can provide help or ideas on how to get help, let me know.

Thanks so much. If you have questions or are interested in helping, please contact Ed Tweedy (ext. 2280, [tweedy@rockinghamcc.edu](mailto:tweedy@rockinghamcc.edu)) as soon as possible. We need your help.

•Applicants must be willing and able to work full time for the entire 10-week internship. Please note that the State employs only individuals who can provide proof of identity and work authorization within three working days of employment.

•To qualify for a law internship, applicants must have completed at least one year of law school, unless other majors are listed.

•Students having previously held paid internships with the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office or with the General Assembly are not eligible to apply.

Students having limited career-related experience are strongly encouraged to apply since the program is designed to offer career development opportunities to deserving individuals.

### Application Process

**Please review the following application instructions carefully.** Applications that do not meet the stated requirements will not be considered. If you have questions or need assistance, you may contact the Internship Coordinator at (919) 789-5880.

An application form can be downloaded from: [www.ncyaio.com](http://www.ncyaio.com). Applications must be completed and postmarked by the deadline of January 23, 2008. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Applicants may apply for up to five internship projects. To select a project(s), applicants must review the position descriptions listed and submit the following materials.

Required Application Materials:

- North Carolina State Government Internship **appli-**

### cation form

•**Cover letter** outlining reasons you are interested in each project for which you apply. Your cover letter must include a **bulleted list of projects** for which you are applying, including project numbers and titles.

•**Professional resume**

•**One copy of transcripts for all post-secondary grades.** An unofficial student copy, obtained from your school's website or registrar, is acceptable. Graduate and law students should submit an official schedule/course list if grades are not available. Law students should include their class rank when possible. If you have attended more than one college/university, include a transcript for each; graduate/law students should include undergraduate transcripts.

•In addition to the original application, an **additional individual application form, cover letter and resume is required for each project to which you apply.**

**Mailed paper application materials are required.** Emailed applications will not be accepted. All applications must be postmarked by January 23, 2008. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Submit all application materials by mail to: North Carolina State Government Internship Program, Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, 1319 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1319.

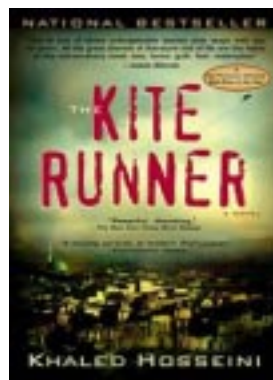
Additional information concerning the internship program is available on-line at the following URL: <http://www.ncyaio.com>.

## ROCKINGHAM COUNTY READS!

### One County, One Book Spring 2008

All county residents are encouraged to read **THE KITE RUNNER** by Khaled Hosseini.

Borrow the book from your local library.



"For you, a thousand times over," promises Hassan, the loyal friend of Khaled Hosseini. These haunting words echo through the pages of Hosseini's debut novel *The Kite Runner* as readers follow the author's harrowing journey from a troubled boy in turbulent Afghanistan to an acclaimed novelist in America. With blatant honesty, the narrator reveals his personal struggle to find acceptance from his demanding father and redemption from betraying his boyhood friend. Hosseini's story reminds us that "history isn't easy to overcome [and] neither is religion," but absolution is possible.



### Book Discussions

#### Mayodan Library

March 3 ... 6:30 pm

#### Eden Library

March 6 ... 6:30 pm

#### Reidsville Library

March 10 ... 6:30 pm

### Rockingham Community College Bishopric Bldg., Room 101

April 10, 7 pm

Dr. Jeff Jones

UNCG History Professor will discuss the book highlighting the history, religious, and ethnic differences of Afghanistan.