

Meet Your 2009-2010 SGA Officers

The Student Government Association at CCC&TI is a driving force on both campuses, providing activities for students, support for clubs and organizations and opportunities for every student to be more involved in the life of the institution. This year's officers are gearing up for a great year of fun and exciting activities and hope to garner more participation than ever before from CCC&TI's vast and varied student body. Leading the charge are this year's elected officers. They are:



SGA Officers from Left to Right:

Virginia Hendricks-Speaker of the Senate, Marcus Abernethy-Vice President, Christen Wilson-President, Jessica Watson-Secretary, Kim Roper-Advisor, Jeff Jones-Treasurer.

President Christen Wilson

Christen Wilson is from Sawmills, NC and is about to begin her second year at CCC&TI. She is enrolled in the cardiovascular sonography program. Wilson, who enjoys sports, singing at her church and hanging out with friends, says she came to CCC&TI because she wanted to stay close to home and close to her friends. After a year serving on the SGA Senate, Wilson says she is very familiar with the duties and responsibilities of being president and feels she is qualified for the position. “I want to get more students to speak out with their concerns and get more students involved in campus activities,” she says.



Vice President Marcus Abernethy

Marcus Abernethy, a native of Caldwell County, is in his second year at CCC&TI and is working toward his Associate in Arts, College Transfer degree. Abernethy says he chose to attend CCC&TI because of its convenience and affordability. After being active in the student council at his high school, Abernethy says his interest in serving his fellow students and making a positive difference for the school was what motivated him to run for office. He says he looks forward to improving college life, assisting fellow students and increasing student activities. “I am also very excited about the North Carolina Community College Student Leadership Institute I will be attending this summer,” he added. “Most importantly on our agenda is to continue lobbying and meeting with legislators in Raleigh to push the Creating Success Initiative that will hopefully bring much needed funding to our area and the community college system as a whole.” In his spare time, Abernethy says he enjoys playing guitar and other string instruments, running and lifting weights, listening to music, and spending time with family and friends.



Secretary Jessica Watson

Jessica Watson, a Lenoir, NC native, is a college transfer student completing her first year at CCC&TI. The Hibriten High School graduate says she chose CCC&TI because she felt it was a great place to start her education and would help her in the transition to a four year college or university. Watson, who plans to major in sociology and minor in women's studies, says she decided to run for office so that she could be in the know about what's happening at the college. "I like to be involved and know what decisions my school is making. I would also like to have input on what activities are going on at CCC&TI," she said. Watson says she is looking forward to meeting more of her fellow students by serving as an SGA officer and also hopes to make a positive impact on the college. "I am hoping that we, as a team, will be able to better this great college and succeed in carrying on the great job done by our current SGA officers." In her spare time, Watson says she enjoys biking, movies, swimming and hanging out with friends. She is also involved in CCC&TI's TRIO program and several other campus clubs.



Treasurer Jeff Jones

Jeff Jones is a second year Bio-Medical Equipment Technology student at CCC&TI. He is from Hudson, NC and says he chose CCC&TI because of its high-quality Bio-Med program. Jones ran for an SGA office because he wanted to become more involved in student life at CCC&TI. "I want to help enhance the quality of student life at CCC&TI," he says. "I really enjoyed my position as a SGA senator this past year and wanted to continue on with the ideas and goals of last year." Jones says he looks forward to the experience of serving his fellow students in the coming year. "This will be a great learning experience for me and will aid me when I finish school. Budgeting and paperwork will be a big part of my job," he said. Jones is an avid hiker and enjoys mountain biking, four wheeling, metal fabrication, welding and is currently working on a house. Jones, who works two jobs and attends CCC&TI full time, hopes to transfer to a four-year college and pursue his bachelor's degree in hospital management.



Speaker of the Senate Virginia Hendricks

Virginia Hendricks is a second year student working toward her Associates Degree in Fine Arts and plans to transfer to a four-year college or university. Ultimately, Hendricks says she hopes to become an Art History Instructor at a post secondary institution. Hendricks says she chose to attend CCC&TI because of the support that was available to students. “From the academic support to the amazing advisor I was assigned to, it made the process much easier than I had ever experienced elsewhere,” she says. Hendricks says she chose to run for SGA office because of her experience as a senator. “I have had many students come to me knowing that I was a senator with their suggestions and issues and I felt that the right step for me was to become Speaker of the Senate. This way, I can ensure that everyone who comes to me is heard.” Hendricks says she hopes that she can give students a bigger voice during her time in office. Hendricks has one daughter, Victoria, and enjoys art, writing, yoga and travel. She is also involved in CCC&TI’s TRIO program and is a member of TRIO’s Independent Women Group and the TRIO Alumni Group.

