



South Central District Newsletter

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A message from the President:

Hi Gang,

Hope this newsletter finds you all doing well.

We all know what we are focusing on this year – hosting The 2006 NCCESA State Meeting. I am so excited and know you are too. I've had contact with some of you and know things are coming along nicely. I know it's going to be the best yet because we're the best district in Cooperative Extension. All of you are working hard on your committees and I look forward to the updates during our Spring Meeting.

Speaking of our Spring Meeting; it is planned for Friday, March 31 at Mid Pines Golf Resort in Southern Pines so that everyone can see the facilities and become familiar with them in preparation for our state meeting. Starla is making the arrangements and more information will be forthcoming.

I hope all of you have your puzzle piece on your desk reminding you that all of us are intricate pieces of the success of the 2006 state meeting and we will be successful if we all join together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Devona Beard
2005-2006 President
NCCESA, South Central District

News from Cumberland County:

Merrilyn Bowman retired from Extension after 30 years of service on October 28, 2005. The Cumberland County staff honored Merrilyn with a retirement celebration. Merrilyn's plans after retirement are to travel, garden, and spend time with her grandson, Nicholas.

Susan and Dwight Johnson had their first grandbaby. Their daughter, Kelli Davis, who is married to Eddie Davis, had little Johnathan Brayden Davis on December 23, 2005. Brayden weighed in at 8 pounds 1 ounce, and 21 inches long. If you get the chance, please congratulate Susan Johnson. Just remember, don't call her grandma, she is a Nana.

News from Bladen County:

Devona Beard received the 2005 Secretary of the Year Award for the South Central District. She also received the South Central District Award of Excellence in Special Leadership. Devona graduated from Pathways Leadership Program in May of 2005. Congratulations Devona on all your accomplishments!

News from Lee County:

Kay Morton received the 2005 South Central District Award for Excellence in Technology Utilization and Implementation. Kay also won the State Award for Excellence in Technology Utilization and Implementation. Way to go Kay!

News from Stanly County:

Starla Harwood has completed her second class at UNCC in her quest for a four year degree. Keep up the good work!