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Volunteer State Community College...



A Family Affair

Rhea Pulliam, Class of 1991, and family all have a common thread...Vol State. Daughter, Allison Owen attended Science Camp, Sons, Jesse and Aaron Keen have both attended classes, and father, Harold Pulliam, has taken several classes.

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A Message From Our President

Dear Alumni and Friends:

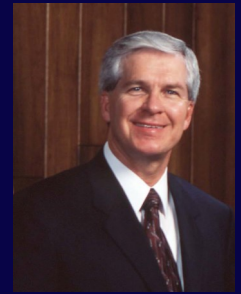
Welcome to the fall edition of the Volunteer Vision alumni magazine. As you read through the pages, you will see many of the exciting activities and events that are happening at your Alma Mater. You will be introduced to your Alumni Advisory Council and learn more about your fellow alums. You will also read about two new initiatives: Service Learning and International Education.

I want to share with you that we began the fall 2008 school year with an enrollment increase. I believe we are becoming the college of "first choice" for many residents in the 12 counties that we serve. Our success is due in large part to the "Vol State Difference." What is that "difference" you may ask? It is not just our programs and services; but our students, staff, faculty, and you – the Alumni! It is truly a family affair that contributes to the positive difference we make in everyday lives at the college and in the community.

However, even with an enrollment increase, we are facing tough budgetary times. We will need to rely heavily on our commitment to excellence, innovation, and generosity of our community members and alumni to meet the challenges we are sure to face. If you have not already reconnected with your Vol State family, I urge you to take a more active role in the Alumni Association.

Please enjoy this edition of your alumni magazine. You will see and learn more about the activities on campus, and how you can become more involved in ensuring the success of your Alma Mater. If you find time, stop by and see your Vol State family. We are always pleased to see our Vol State Alums and hear of your accomplishments.

Dr. Warren Nichols
President, Vol State Community College



"Remember, that this is your college and we are always pleased to see our Vol State Alums and hear of your accomplishments" states Dr. Warren Nichols, President

A Message Your Alumni Advisory Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Greetings to my fellow VSCC alumni. As the weather begins to cool and the holidays are quickly approaching, I have the pleasure of welcoming you to the Fall edition of the Vol State Alumni Magazine.

The Alumni Association has been well-represented at recent campus events, as you will see in the following pages. One of the highlights of the President's Picnic was a photo op for current students to see their own face in a life-size, "Future Alum" cut-out. Attendees received photos of themselves and other give-a-ways. During the September job fair, the VSAA hosted two break-out sessions. Human Resources expert, Susanne Jackson, shared interviewing tips and instructed attendees on interview etiquette. The next session allowed attendees to apply those tips in mock interview sessions. The sessions were rewarding for both the interviewees and interviewers.

After the homecoming basketball game on November 15, the AA is partnering with the Athletic Association and Student Services to host the "Strolling through the Decades" Alumni Bash. Let's cheer on the Pioneers for a homecoming win and stroll together after the game. Participating in the Alumni Association gives us an opportunity to celebrate the role Vol State played in our lives and a chance to support and mentor current students. I look forward to meeting you at upcoming events. Go Pioneers!

Lori Stephens
Vol State Class of 2000
Chair, Alumni Advisory Council



"Participating in the Alumni Association gives us an opportunity to celebrate the role Vol State played in our lives" states Lori Stephens, Alumni Advisory Chair

SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY— Bobby Hudson

When you ask the question, “Who is Vol State?” Bobby Hudson comes to mind. Bobby has lived in Gallatin his entire life (49) and 25 of those years have been on Vol State campus as a student, coach, or administrator. Bobby has been married to his beautiful wife Karen for 10 years. He has two lovely step-daughters, Amanda and Lauren. Not only has Bobby been involved with Vol State, both step-daughters have attended, and his parents have seen more basketball, baseball, and softball games than anybody in the community. This is another example of a “Family Affair” within Vol State.



Coach Hudson has an extensive educational background.

- 1979 Associate of Science, Volunteer State Community College.
- 1982 Bachelor of Science, Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Middle Tennessee State University.
- 1983 Master of Science, Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Middle Tennessee State University

Coach Hudson’s professional work experience is as extensive as his education.

- 2006—date Athletic Director, Vol State
- 1986—2006 Head Basketball Coach, Men and Women, Vol State
- 1994—1999 Assistant Softball Coach, Vol State
- 1994—1995 Assistant Men’s Regional Director
- 1995—Date NJCAA Board of Directors (Men)
- Region VII Men’s Director
- 1985—1986 Health Teacher/Assistant Football Coach and Head Coach 7-8 Boys Basketball, Knox Doss Jr. High School
- 1984 Health Teacher and Assistant Football Coach, Beech High School

Coach Hudson’s most recent accomplishment is being inducted into the TJCCAA Hall of Fame. Please join us on Saturday, November 15, as Bobby will be honored in between games at the Basketball Homecoming.



Professional work experience cont.

- 1983-1984 American History, Pre-Algebra Teacher, Assistant Coach for Boys Basketball and Baseball, Head Coach 9th Grade Boys Basketball, Shelbyville Central High
- 1979—1983 Various Student Assistant Basketball positions at MTSU
- 1978—1979 Various Student Assistant Basketball positions at Vol State

Coach Hudson has not only made an impact in primary and higher education, he is also very involved within his profession. He is currently involved with National Junior College Athletic Association on the following committees: Division I Basketball, Co-Chair of Nominations and Elections, All-American, and the East Central District Director. He also served on other committees in the past including: NJCAA Executive Committee, NJCCA Division I Baseball Committee, NJCCA Division II Soccer Committee, NJCAA Division II Tennis Committee, Tennessee Junior Community College Athletic Association Men’s Basketball Committee, TJCCAA Women’s Basketball Committee, and TJCCAA Softball Committee.

While in college, Coach Hudson was honored as Who’s Who In American Junior Colleges, Outstanding Young Men of America, National Deans List, Gamma Beta Phi Society (Vol State), HYPERS Most Outstanding Senior Award and Gamma Beta Phi Society (MTSU).

For the past three years, Bobby has worked closely with the Athletic Association to implement fundraising activities and improve tracking of funds through Volunteer State College Foundation. He also takes time from his busy schedule to serve on the Alumni Advisory Council. He loves Vol State and shows it through his dedication and service.

ALUM COVER STORY—Rhea Pulliam & Family

“I can’t emphasize enough the value Vol State is for our community, and especially for my family. It’s not just because of the affordability of Vol State, but also the nurturing, personal atmosphere, with professors who are more than teachers, but also mentors. Vol State has given me and my sons the foundation to grow, learn, think, achieve, and serve.

-Rhea Pulliam-Owen, Class 1992



The family of Rhea Pulliam-Owen has truly made Vol State a “Family Affair.” Rhea attended Vol State from 1987 until 1992 when she graduated with an Associates Degree. She chose Vol State because of its affordability and its close proximity to home. Rhea stated, “I found my instructors were very helpful, but a few were so much more. The professor that most certainly made the greatest impact on my ability to think and to question was Dr. Robert Ruff. His support was intellectual and philosophical.

Harold Pulliam, Rhea’s father, has also taken classes at Vol State throughout the ‘80s. Mr. Pulliam took classes to advance his career while working for Ford Glass, but he also gained personal enjoyment from the classes. He has accumulated almost 40 semester hours of credit from Vol State.

Rhea’s older son, Jesse Keen, took Dual Enrollment English classes before coming to Vol State full-time. He has since moved on to MTSU to complete his degree. During his senior year at Gallatin High School he had the opportunity to join the Vol State Singers. Under Mr. Story’s leadership, he learned what a professionally conducted music program was. Jesse met his wife, Jolene Randle, while at Vol State. They married in May 2008 and are both attending MTSU.

Rhea’s younger son, Aaron Keen, began attending Vol State during his junior year at Gallatin High School. While helping Jesse,

with his schedule, one of the music professors heard Aaron playing his guitar in the back office. The professor insisted they find a way to get Aaron to Vol State immediately. The family began to search for a way to make this happen. The result was special permission for Aaron to be jointly enrolled in GHS and Vol State during his junior and senior years, where he was a member of the Commercial Band under the direction of Lynn Peterson. Upon graduating from high school, Aaron enrolled at MTSU. He soon learned how valuable his time at Vol State was, and transferred back. Aaron also met his girlfriend, Alyssa Cline, in the Vol State music department.

Other members of Rhea’s family have also taken classes at Vol State. Allison Owen, Rhea’s daughter took a summer Chemistry class at Vol State. Her father-in-law, Ed Bennett, took classes at Vol State just for enjoyment. After retiring from a career in financial consulting, Ed wanted to spend some of his new found free time in the classroom. Rhea’s niece, Emily Brown is currently enrolled at Vol State and plans to transfer in the future to complete her degree. Her stepdaughter enrolled and began taking classes this fall.

Rhea’s family represents what Vol State stands for: family values in a family atmosphere while obtaining a quality, affordable education.

VOLUNTEER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOES GLOBAL...

Vol State Embarks on Education Globalization

Warren Nichols, President, John Espey, Dean of Business and Terry Bubb, Director of Advising recently visited Argentina to establish relationships with colleges there as part of our International focus. The purpose of the trip is for Volunteer State Community College to develop partnerships with Argentinean Colleges. "It is our intent that the visit will lead to student travel study abroad, internships, faculty, and staff exchanges" Terry Bubb explained. The trip is the direct result of VSCC now being a member of CCID, Community Colleges For International Development, Inc. In order to fund the International program, the SGA and student body elected to add an international fee to their current tuition.

Terry Bubb stated, "During the trip, we had the opportunity to visit the Universidad Catolica de Salta (Catholic University of Salta). We were very impressed with this University and can see many potential opportunities for exchanges. The team also participated in meetings and conferences at the following places: The Ministry of Education, The National Technological Education Institute, and the National Academy of Education. Mr. Bubb also added, "We made many good contacts and learned a great deal about the Argentine educational system. We continue to be optimistic about the possibility of setting up some wonderful exchanges with some Argentine educational institutions. We will follow up regularly with all of the contacts we made in Argentina".

Stay tuned for more information on what plan of action Vol State will be taking in the near future concerning our new-formed relationships with the Argentine educational community.



Dr. Nichols with several students from the Catholic University of Salta, the largest private university in Argentina.



Children with their family feeding pigeons at a local park in Argentina.



Terry Bubb, Dr. Warren Nichols, Dr. Gustavo Alfredo Puig, Rector of the Catholic University of Salta, and John Espey

Worsham Speaks at Commencement 2008



Joni Worsham, Class of 1973

On Saturday, May 3, Volunteer State College held its 36th Commencement where more than 300 students received their degrees. Joni Worsham, Principal of Hendersonville High School and a 1973 Vol State graduate and representative of the Alumni Association, welcomed students as Alumni.



Meet a few of the newest Alum!

Ms. Worsham shared with the graduates that she was the first of many at Vol State: first female to enroll, first editor of *The Settler*, and a member of the first graduating class. She finished her undergraduate degree at Austin Peay and Master of Education degree at Trevecca. Ms. Worsham resides in Hendersonville with her husband, Phillip.



Other Alumni Hosted Activities



The past few months the VS Alumni Association has been busy interacting with current students. In August, Vol State held the annual President's Picnic. The Alumni Association hosted a table where students had the opportunity to ask questions, have their photo made as "Future Alumni", and receive VS Alumni Association keychain flashlights and koozies. In September, the VSAA partnered with the Career Placement Office to host two breakout sessions during the Job Fair. The breakout sessions were "Dress For Success—Looking Smart and Making A Great First Impression" led by Susanne Jackson, HR Specialist and "Test For Success—Interview Techniques to Market Yourself" led by several VS Alum. Students had an opportunity to learn how to conduct themselves during an interview and then put those newly learned skills to use during a "Mock Interview".



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Pictured: Cyndi Tierney, Nancy McBee-Sammons, Karen Rudzinski, and Amy Overstreet



Pictured: Bill Kemp, 2008 Golf Chair, Buddy Shaw, Foundation Board Chair, Karen Mitchell, VP for Resource Development, and Dan Hawkins, President, First State Bank



Your Alumni Advisory Council have been very busy. They created and adopted by-laws, set Alumni Advisory Council roles and expectations, and are currently working on a 2-year strategic plan. They are helping the Foundation plan the future of your Alumni Association. Join us in welcoming them as the leaders of your Alumni Association.

Introducing Your Alumni Advisory Council



Pictured: Rhea Pulliam, Class of 1992; Dennis Powers, Class of 1973; Lori Stephens, Class of 2000; Kristen Clark, Class of 2001; Bobby Hudson, Class of 1979; and Ed Mayberry, Class of 1973.

Not pictured: Linda Holt, Class of 1986; Faye Pryor, Class of 1975; Yvette Garrett, Class of 1976; Andrew Finney, Class of 2000; and Kathy Vaughn, Class of 1996; Sherie Edwards, Class of 1979.



Service Learning positively impacts critical thinking, social responsibility and experiential learning by placing students in situations that facilitate reflective and analytical thinking.

For more information regarding any of these programs please visit www.volstate.edu/placement or call 615-230-3307.

Vol State College houses Service Learning Initiative by Dr. Rick Parrent

VSCC is part of a national and state wide initiative called The Campus Compact and The Tennessee Campus Compact. The compact is made up of voluntary membership of higher education institutions from the Tennessee Board of Regents, the University of Tennessee System and the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association. The goal of this organization is to enrich the educational experiences of students in higher education through active civic engagement and service learning while partnering with community agencies, organizations and business/educational entities to provide volunteer service. This initiative through the leadership of Dr. Rick Parrent, Director of the Office of Career Placement, Cooperative Education and Service Learning. CSSEE research and other assessments report a relationship between student engagement via service/civic involvement and persistence/retention and educational attainment. AACC (American Association of Community Colleges 1995 to 2003) research suggests that there are more pervasive and stronger service learning programs in community colleges in 2003 than 1995 with increased course offerings, increases in student participation and faculty involvement.

Service Learning positively impacts the development of creative and effective problem-solving skills. These opportunities may place the student into multicultural environments that expand student compassion, civic awareness, and a desire to be civically engaged. Additionally, Service Learning uses direct experience and hands on learning to help the student learn to take initiative, assume responsibility and become self-sufficient as well as improve deliberative, collaborative, and leadership skills. Such experience provide a higher level of awareness that proves useful in future career(s), in family life, and in involvement in the community.

Fall/Winter Calendar of Events
Visual and Performing Arts Department

Andy Ahn Ha Art Exhibit—An acrylic painter who fuses Eastern and Western culture into his paintings—Gallery Talk: **November 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Rochelle Center

Lend Me A Tenor—A Tony award winning farce by Ken Ludwig presented by the VSCC Theatre Department—comedy at its finest with plot twists and mistaken identities—**November 7, 8, 14 & 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. & November 9 & 16 at 7:30 p.m.** VSCC Auditorium

VSCC Art Faculty Exhibition—**November 17 to December 11, 2008** in gallery of Thigpen Library

Vol State Singers Concert and Student Vocal Recital—Presented by the VSCC Music Dept.—showcasing talented singers in a variety of musical styles—**November 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**—at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Gallatin, TN

Annual Christmas Concert—Presented by the VSCC Music Department—featuring a variety of holiday musical selections from a newly released CD project—**December 5 & 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm**—VSCC Auditorium

Hatch Show Print Exhibit—Come see a selection of prints from this historic working letterpress print shop found in the heart of Nashville—**January 11 to February 10, 2009** in the gallery in Thigpen Library and Gallery Talk: **February 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Rochelle Center

2008 Vol State Pioneers Home Schedules *Indicates Homecoming

Women's Basketball Coached by Jason Montgomery

November 1 Vestle "Pops" Hudson Classic	
Lincoln Trail College	5:00 PM
November 4 Wabash Valley College	6:00 PM
November 7 VSCC Shootout/LSU-Eunice	6:00 PM
November 8 VSCC Shootout/Shawnee	5:00 PM
November 12 Hiwassee College	6:00 PM
*November 15 Cleveland State CC	2:00 PM
December 3 Mid-Continent College	6:00 PM
December 6 Roane State CC	2:00 PM
December 8 St. Catharine College	6:00 PM
January 10 Meridian CC	TBA
January 17 Motlow State CC	2:00 PM
January 28 Southwest Tennessee CC	6:00 PM
February 7 Columbia State CC	2:00 PM
February 14 Dyersburg State CC	6:00 PM
February 21 Jackson State CC	2:00 PM

Men's Basketball Coached by Rusty Melvin

November 1 Vestle "Pops" Hudson Classic	
Lindsey Wilson JV	7:00 PM
November 4 Wabash Valley College	8:00 PM
November 7 VSCC Shootout/Patrick Henry	8:00 PM
November 8 VSCC Shootout/Bryan	7:00 PM
November 12 Hiwassee College	8:00 PM
*November 15 Cleveland State CC	4:00 PM
December 3 Mid-Continent College	8:00 PM
December 6 Roane State CC	4:00 PM
December 11 St. Catharine College	6:00 PM
January 10 Meridian CC	TBA
January 17 Motlow State CC	4:00 PM
January 28 Southwest Tennessee CC	8:00 PM
February 7 Columbia State CC	4:00 PM
February 14 Dyersburg State CC	8:00 PM
February 21 Jackson State CC	4:00 PM

JOIN US!

BASKETBALL HOMECOMING ALUMNI BASH — STROLLING THRU THE DECADES!!

Jump Back Into the Past

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Beginning at 1:00 PM—The Alumni Association will host a hospitality room to welcome all Alum to the game.

Refreshments will be served and photos and memorabilia from years gone by will be on display.

2:00 PM—Your Pioneers Women's Basketball team will take on Cleveland State Community College

**Between games we will have half court recognition of Alum in attendance from
the 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s.**

Bobby Hudson, Athletic Director will be inducted into the TJCAA Hall of Fame

4:00 PM—Your Pioneers Men's Basket ball team will take on Cleveland State Community College

6:00-8:00 PM Alumni Bash Reception, Refreshments and music provided.

Door Prizes will be given away.

The Pioneer Dance Team will dance at half-time during both games.

To RSVP Call Bobby Hudson @ 615-230-3445 or Lori Johnson @ 615-230-3526 or email lori.johnson@volstate.edu

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