

The Supporter

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Special Points of Interest

- February 18, — Mentor Training, Martin County
- February 24, — Mentor Training, Martin County
- March 6, — Mentor Training, Martin County
- March 13-14, — Mentoring Conference in Durham
- March 21, — Collaborative Meeting in Plymouth
- April 11-13 — Spring Conference in Atlantic Beach
- April 13, — Collaborative Meeting in Atlantic Beach
- May 9, — Collaborative Meeting in Vance County

Member LEAs

- Bertie County Schools*
- Edenton/Chowan Schools*
- Gates County Schools*
- Halifax County Schools*
- Hertford County Schools*
- Martin County Schools*
- Northampton County Schools*
- Perquimans County Schools*
- Tyrrell County Schools*
- Vance County Schools*
- Warren County Schools*
- Washington County Schools*
- Weldon City Schools*

Members Attend Mentor Conference

Several members of the Collaborative attended a Support Symposium for Mentors and ILTs March 13-14 in Durham. Two of our members, Karen Dameron and Barbara Harrington were presenters at the conference.

The conference was two days packed with demonstration of successful programs, updates from state agencies, brainstorming sessions and some key topics presented in an entertaining and humorous fashion.

The keynote speaker for the opening session was Dr. Charles Petty. Dr. Petty has earned the designation, "Certified Speaking Professional" from the National Speakers Association. He was inducted into the National Speaker Hall of Fame in 1998.

The speaker for the Thursday luncheon was Yvonne Easton. Mrs. Easton is an

educator, journalist, artist-poet, and historian.

The speaker for the Friday luncheon was Becky Stone. Mrs. Stone is co-author of *Green Prints Magazine* and is an actor and storyteller.

During the two-day symposium, participants had an opportunity to attend seven concurrent sessions. Topics included:

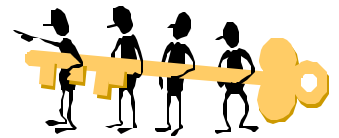
Coaching New Teachers; Providing Direction for Beginning Teachers; Organizational Skills for ILTs; and, Supporting Lateral Entry Teachers.

Other sessions included: Understanding Classroom Assessment; Management That Enhances Climate; Developing ILT Programs; Classroom Climate; and, How Can I Possibly Teach Them All?

Many other sessions were available, including focus groups for mentors, ILTs

and ILT Coordinators.

Those of us who attended the symposium, came away with a lot of good ideas. Gayenell Gull and her team are to be commended on a job well done.



We hold the key to our success!

Spring Conference is Just Around the Corner!

The excitement is starting to build as our Spring Conference approaches. We have some excellent speakers lined up and what surely will be some very informative concurrent sessions planned. The conference will begin with a banquet on Friday night April 11 and conclude with the closing session on Sunday, April 13.

Congratulations to New Superintendents

The Collaborative would like to welcome and congratulate two new Superintendents to our LEA members: Mr. James W.

Pickens, Sr., Northampton County and Dr. Norman Shearing, Vance County.

We look forward to working with our new administrators and welcome support for the efforts of our organization.

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Director's Corner



[This section of the Newsletter provides a space for the Director to reflect on the activities of the Collaborative and share some personal feelings about his role with the Collaborative and life in general.]

This edition of the "Corner" is devoted to my recent experience at the Support Symposium for Mentors and ILTs. I went to the symposium expecting to hear some great things happening across the State as it relates to mentoring and supporting ILTs: **I was not disappointed.** I learned a great deal which I hope will make me a better Director for the Collaborative.

Another expectation I had prior to the symposium was that the Collaborative is doing some really good things that others would be interested in hearing about. **Again, I was not disappointed.**

Two members of our own team presented sessions at the symposium: Karen Dameron — "Supporting Lateral Entry Teachers," and Barbara Harrington — "Organizational Skills for ILTs." I am proud of these ladies.

Based upon conversations I had with other participants and dialog in sessions I attended, I think many of the participants would be interested in hearing about our organization. Perhaps we could present some sessions at next year's symposium.

Kathy Griffin will soon be leaving the Weldon City Schools. We appreciate her involvement with the Collaborative and wish her well in her new endeavors.

Supporting New Teachers



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Meet Our Representatives

Our Representatives 2002-2003



Zenobia Smallwood

Title: Director of Curriculum

LEA: Gates County

Education: BS in Elem Education, MA in Elem Education, Cert in Supervision/Adm, Pursuing Ed D.

Hobbies: Writing short stories and poetry.



Karen Dameron

Title: Assistant Personnel Director

LEA: Martin County

Education: BS. Pursuing Masters in Ed Administration

Hobbies: Reading and listening to music



Susie Strickland

Title: Director of Community/School Relations

LEA: Northampton County

Education: AS in Pre Education, BS Elem Education, Masters in Elem Education & Administration

Hobbies: Cooking, outdoor activities, fishing, & golf.



Brenda Dail

Title: Director of Personnel Services

LEA: Perquimans County

Education: CAS, MA in Education, MS in Business, BS

Hobbies: Family, church, friends and my job

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Mrs. Connie Richardson

Edenton/Chowan

Mrs. Linda Perry

Gates

Mrs. Zenobia Smallwood

Halifax

Mrs. Selma Allen

Hertford

Mrs. Betty Pugh

Martin

Ms. Karen Dameron

Northampton

Ms. Susie Strickland

Perquimans

Mrs. Brenda Dail

Tyrrell

Mrs. Pearl Ogletree

Vance

Mrs. Vivian Bullock

Warren

Mrs. Princine Jefferies

Washington

Dr. May Wilkins

Weldon

Mrs. Kathy Griffin and Ms. Melinda Powell