

13 BC Faculty & Staff Earn Degrees, 5 in the Same Office



Among the five Admissions Office staff members who earned degrees this year while working at BC are (left-right) Richard Messersmith of Bainbridge, Katie Mathis of Attapulcus, Christina Jackson of Quincy, FL, and Spencer Stewart of Bainbridge. Absent from the photo is Jessica Long of Bainbridge.

As a professional learning community Bainbridge College personnel continue to demonstrate their dedication to higher education and lifelong learning. In the academic year just completed 13 employees from throughout Main Campus and the Early County Site earned degrees in a variety of fields while working at the college.

The Admissions Office accounted for five of them. There were three each in the Arts and Sciences and the Technical Studies divisions. Bainbridge College Early County (BCEC) site and the Office of Information and Instructional Technology (OIIT) each had one.

Admissions Office staff who earned master's degrees were **Christina Jackson** of Quincy, FL, **Jessica Long** and **Spencer Stewart**, both of Bainbridge. Completing bachelor's degrees were **Katie Mathis** of Attapulcus and **Richard Messersmith** of Bainbridge.

Ms. Jackson, coordinator of Joint Enrollment Programs, earned her master of science from Tennessee State University Institute of Government with a major concentration in strategic leadership and information technology.

Ms. Long, coordinator of Testing, Disabilities and Career Counseling Services, received her master of business administration (MBA) with a concentration in management from Troy University.



Stewart, assistant director of admissions, completed his MBA from the University of West Georgia. While working on her bachelor of science degree in psychology at Thomas University, **Ms. Mathis** served as a BC admissions clerk. After earning her degree she became a social services case manager with the Decatur County Department of Family and Children's Services.

Messersmith, who handles client support for the Admissions Office, has a bachelor of business administration degree with a specialty in management from Georgia Southwestern State University.

Arts and Sciences personnel who earned doctorates were **Dr. Adele Cunningham** and **Dr. Jenna Miley** of Bainbridge. **Rhonda LeVatte** of Newton earned two associate degrees and is working on further degrees.

Dr. Cunningham, who teaches biology, completed my doctor of philosophy in invertebrate biology for the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



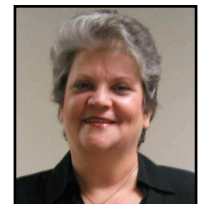
Dr. Miley, a professor of computer science who specializes in instructional design for online learning, focused on that for her doctorate from the School of Education of Capella University.

Ms. LeVatte, who is the BC chemistry lab assistant, graduated from BC in



December with two associate of arts degrees, one in science and one in secondary education. She continues her education, working on both a bachelor of science degree in biology at Albany State University and an associate degree in medical technology at Darton College.

Also earning their associate's degrees from BC were **Nicole Roberts** of Colquitt and **Lashawn Robinson** of Bainbridge. Ms. Roberts, cashier at BCEC, earned an associate of arts degree in business administration.



Robinson, who works with OIIT in information technology systems support, completed his associate of applied science degree in the Computer Information Systems program.



Regenia Jones of Lake Seminole and **Jeffrey Ross** of Donalsonville, both of whom teach in the Tech Studies Division nursing programs, earned master's degrees, and **Ruby Barlow** of Vada earned her associate of applied science degree in administrative office at BC. She is program assistant in the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program.

Ms. Jones, who is director of Hospice of Southwest Georgia, completed her master's degree in nursing administration from Thomas University in December, and received



National Certification in Hospice and Palliative Nursing care (CHPN) in February. She teaches part-time and on line classes for the BC Licensed Practical Nursing program.

Ross, who teaches in the ADN program, earned his master of science in nursing with a concentration in nursing education. He has earned all three of his degrees while working full-time.

