

## Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor

The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor was established as part of the college's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the purpose of recognizing deserving WCC alumni for their contributions to education, business, and civic organizations, as well as their achievements since graduating from the college. Nominations will be taken annually.

Nomination forms, instructions and requirements can be found [here](#). Please contact the WCC Educational Foundation at (276) 233-4771 with any questions related to nominations.

## WCC Alumni Hall of Honor 2013 Inductees



*Pictured are (front row, left to right) Patsy B. Muncy, Dr. Eugenia Larrowe, Judy King Yonce, and Carolyn Lundy King; (back row, left to right) Angela Y. Lawson, R. Edward "Edd" Houck, M. Dwight Shelton, Jr., and Douglas W. Fender.*

**Douglas W. Fender** attended WCC from Grayson County and earned his Associate's Degree in General Studies in 1981. He completed his education with a B.S. from Radford University in 1983 and an M.S. from Radford University in 1985. Fender then embarked on a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1991 until his retirement in 2013.

At the time of his retirement, he was a special agent and senior special bomb technician. Fender was closely involved in terrorism response activities, including the 9-11 investigation at the Pentagon, and the 1996 Centennial Park bombing at the summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. He has received numerous awards, including the Combat Theatre Awards from the FBI in 2012 and the Superior Civilian Service Award in 2006 from the U.S. Army. He has been a Scout Master with the Boy Scouts of America and is currently a Salvation Army volunteer.

**Senator R. Edward Edd Houck** originally attended WCC as a resident of Smyth County, and he completed his transfer degree in 1971. Houck earned his B.S. at Concord College in 1973 and his Master of Education from the University of Virginia in 1975.

He was employed by the Spotsylvania County school system from 1973 to 1991, during which he was a teacher and counselor at the middle school level. In 1992, he joined the City of Fredericksburg school system and served as the Director of Student Services until his retirement in 2007. Upon his retirement from Fredericksburg, he joined Mary Washington Healthcare, Inc. as Director in the Department of Community Programs, a position he held until this year. Houck also served as a member of the Virginia General Assembly from 1984-2012, representing the 17<sup>th</sup> District. He served as chair of the Senate Education and Health Committee and the health and Human Resources Subcommittee. He was chair of the Joint Commission on Health Care, a member of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Governor's Commission on Healthcare Reform.

**Carolyn Lundy King** was a resident of Bland County while attending WCC, and she earned her Associate's Degree in Nursing in 1992. She then completed her B.S. in Nursing at Bluefield State College in 2004 and her M.S. in Nursing at Marshall University in 2009.

King has been a staff nurse at Wythe County Community Hospital and a staff nurse and nursing supervisor at the Bland County Medical Center. She currently serves as a Family Nurse Practitioner at the Bland County Medical Center.

**Eugenia A. Larrowe, D.D.S.** attended WCC from Galax, and she earned her General Studies degree in 2004. She then completed her B.S. at Liberty University in 2007, her master's degree at Virginia Tech in 2009, and her D.D.S. from the Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry in 2013. She is currently a family dentist working in Galax.

Larrowe's community service activities include her membership in the First Baptist Church of Galax; free dental clinic externships in various Virginia locations; the Mission of Mercy Dental Project in Grundy and Wise counties in Virginia; and dental mission trips to Costa Rica from 2006 through 2009. Larrowe is a native of Costa Rica who moved to Galax as a child with her parents, who were "reverse missionaries" to the Hispanic population of the Galax area.

**Angela Y. Lawson** was a Wythe County resident when she attended WCC, graduating with her Associate's Degree in pre-teacher education in 1977. She earned her B.S. from Virginia State University in 1980, her M.S. from Virginia Tech in 1998, and her education specialist degree from the University of Virginia in 2004.

Lawson was previously employed by the public school systems in Wythe and Grayson counties and the City of Galax. Prior to joining the administration of WCC as Vice President of Workforce and Occupational and Technical Programs, she was employed at New River Community College as the Interim Vice President of Workforce Development and Coordinator of Career Pathways.

**Patsy B. Muncy** was a Bland County resident when she attended WCC, earning her nursing degree in 1974. She completed her B.S. at Bluefield State College in 1994 and her M.S. at Old Dominion University in 2005.

She was an Intensive Care Unit and Cardiology Care Unit nurse at Wythe County Community Hospital from 1974 until 2005. She taught as an adjunct faculty member from 2001 to 2005, when she joined the nursing faculty at WCC full time. Muncy was the recipient of the 2004 Excellence in Professional Nursing Award presented by Wythe County Community Hospital and she received the 2010 WCC Distinguished Teaching Award.

**Millard Dwight Shelton, Jr.** attended WCC from Wythe County and earned his Associate's Degree in 1969. He later earned his B.S. from Virginia Tech in 1971 and his M.B.A. from Virginia Tech in 1983.

He began his career as an audit supervisor at Ernst & Whinney in Winston-Salem, a position he held from 1971 to 1979. Since 1979, Mr. Shelton has been employed at Virginia Tech. There, he has held the titles of Director of Audits and Management Services, University

Controller, University Budget Director, and Vice President for Budget and Financial Management. Since 2008, he has served Virginia Tech as the Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and the Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma honor fraternities.

**Judy King Yonce** was a resident of Wythe County when she graduated from WCC's Physical Therapist Assistant program in 1988. She studied at Duke University before completing the pastoral study program at Hiwassee College in 2012.

From 1991-94, Yonce was the chair of the Virginia Physical Therapy Association, and she was named the Physical Therapist Assistant of the Year by the Virginia Physical Therapy Association in 1994. Today, she is a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant in Wytheville and the pastor of the Trinity/Mount Olivet Circuit of the United Methodist Church in Pulaski.

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