



**John Weems** with **Stephen Wallace**, CIS Technology instructor.

### Calendar

**May 31:** Summer I & 8-week Summer begins  
(*CP office opened 7:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m., Mon-Thurs only*)

**June 14:** Flag Day

**June 19:** Father's Day

**June 30:** Bridges to Sustainable Communities  
(*CPI office closed*)

### Degrees We Assist

Accounting  
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration  
Automotive Collision Repair  
Automotive Tech  
Business Tech  
CIS Networking  
Commercial and Advertising Art  
Computer Maintenance  
Drafting  
Early Childcare  
EMT—Basic Nursing  
Nursing  
Petroleum Technology  
Retail Marketing  
Surveying  
Welding



**Nicole Singleton** and **Shawna Shannon** await the start of the ceremony.

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## Spring 2011 Career Pathways Graduates

Without a doubt, one of our most gratifying experiences each year is being able to watch students walk across the stage, hear their name called, and receive that red folder. This semester, we added a large number of certificates of proficiency, technical certificates, and associate degrees to our ranks, thanks to the diligent work of our students.

Students in Career Pathways understand that our priority is not only to help them earn a degree, but to find employment in the field of their education. We are proud to report that several students have already entered the workforce. For example, Cher-Ann Barnett has been employed by a firm in Russellville for nearly one year. Other students, like Lester Welshans, have opted to start out with self-employment.



**Cher-Ann Barnett** earned her AAS and TC in drafting.



**Lester Welshans** earned an AAS in Automotive Collision Repair (with **Brittany Vanderpool**, CSSF).

We are elated to share the success of our students with our campus community.

A bonus to researching degrees to report to ADHE is discovering the number of students who have been able to not only maintain their home lives, but also have worked to excel academically. Several of our graduates with honors, and we wish to offer our sincere congratulations for their hard work!

We hope to provide a list of these students in the next issue of Star-Gazer.



Students listen to Diana Kirkdoffer (Dept. of Workforce Services) speak about job search documents.

## First Annual Ready! Set! Graduate!

The first annual UACCM Ready! Set! Graduate! Employability Conference was held on Monday, May 16, 2011, at Union Station. The event highlighted the academic successes of Career Pathways students from this year, especially those who are completing their time at UACCM.

The event began with a celebration of the Bridge Academy (now STAR Employability Academy) which serves as the pre-college program. Self-Sufficiency Training and Academic Readiness (STAR) graduated four students this semester. Each

student showed remarkable progress toward attaining their goal of a certificate or degree from UACCM.

Participants in Ready! Set! Graduate! learned about dining etiquette, gained additional insight to writing critical job search documents, watched a DVD on overcoming barriers to employment.

Each participant had the opportunity to pick out items from the Career Clothes Closet, co-sponsored by UACCM's Career Services office.

All participants earned a gas card, as well as received a folder including resume paper and enve-

lopes, door prizes, a gift bag with items donated by a range of local and area vendors. We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations to our first annual Ready! Set! Graduate! Employability Conference.

- Belk (Russellville)
- Bella Lee Salon
- Lefler's (Russellville)
- M.Hill's
- Morrilton Quik Lube
- Merle Norman
- Payless Shoe Store (Conway)
- Old Navy (Conway)
- Dr. Linda Birkner
- Mary Clark

### More Thanks Speakers & Other Assistance

- Kelley Roach
- Kristi Strain
- Tom McLeod
- Ashley Terry
- Diana Kirkdoffer  
Dept. of Workforce  
Services)
- Morgan Zimmerman  
Mary Clark
- Trevor Mize
- David Plummer
- Kristy Stokes
- Kim Darling
- UACCM  
Maintenance Crew
- Amy Jo Hall
- John Weems
- Mary Weems

## Windows 7 & Microsoft Office 2010 Installed

Students may notice a change in the way our computers look when they arrive for Summer I classes.

On Friday, May 20, the staff of Computer Services installed the newest editions of Windows and Microsoft Office applications in the Career Pathways Computer Lab. Although the software is not drastically different from the previous (2007) edition,



there are some changes.

Students will most likely notice the variation between Windows XP and Windows 7, which is more streamlined and visual. Generally, students will be able to transition fairly easily between the two. As always, our staff will answer questions, whenever possible, during our normal operational hours.

### Career Pathways Computer Lab

Summer

Hours of

Operation:

(June-July 2011)

Monday-Thursday  
7:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.



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