A Message from the Academic Dean, Linda Reeves, M.Ed

In my previous message to you, I commented on enrolling new students, who are the “life blood” of Forrest College. Now, I would like for you to focus with me on yourselves as students who are enrolled, and have begun your educational journey. An appropriate “word” to which I would like to call your attention is the word, “commitment!”

There are many commitments that are asked of us by others, as well as commitments that we ask of ourselves. Let’s dwell on the commitments that we should be asking of ourselves relating to our education. Have you made a commitment to yourself to complete your educational requirements for an Associate’s Degree, diploma, and/or a certificate in your field of study? If yes, how do you intend to meet those commitments? Seldom is it an easy task to complete one’s education; even though almost all of us would agree that acquiring an education is definitely worthwhile.

In order to achieve our overall objectives, we have to make commitments such as attending class every session and completing the assigned homework. As you are aware, making those commitments can be a challenge when having to balance the responsibilities of families and maybe jobs with achieving a college education. There are many ways we can improve on how we make or manage our commitments at college. One way is to understand the margin or contingency we have in meeting commitments. Having no margin is unacceptable. An example could be having no margin in coming to class due to unreliable transportation. Therefore, if your automobile doesn’t start in the morning, what is Plan B to get to school on time? A similar scenario could be played involving caring for your family members. Do you have a Plan B if your normal way of handling family situations doesn’t work. Remember that the Staff and Faculty at Forrest College are definitely willing to assist you in making your commitments!

Also, making and achieving commitments at the college level is good “training” for achieving commitments after graduation. Should students make commitments to repay their student loans after graduation? Absolutely!

A Message from the Administrative Dean, James L. “Jim” Rush, MS

Can you believe it! We are reaching the end of the Winter Term, and it has been a busy and hectic one. We have day and night classes in session for the MA and 6-month NA Programs. The weather interrupted our schedule by bringing snow and ice and making it necessary to suspend classes for a week. Everyone is working very hard to catch up. As time passes quickly, it will not be long before many of our students will be completing their programs of study and looking forward to graduation.

Meeting a long term goal, such as completing a 2-year Associates Degree, requires planning on the part of the individual. It may seem like graduation is a long way away on the first day of class, but with careful planning, it arrives sooner than you think. One of the most important ways to make this happen is to have a plan as to how you are going to accomplish your goal. This plan should be broken down into increments, such as by term. When the term starts, you have to establish a schedule for when your classes meet, when you have to be at work, when you have to be available to your family, and most importantly, when you will have time for yourself. This takes what seems like a monumental task and makes it doable.

Does that mean everything will go smoothly? Not necessarily.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The new financial aid year will begin July 1, 2014. Any student attending College after June 30, 2014 will need to submit a 2014-2015 FAFSA by April 30, 2014. We will be hosting a FAFSA workshop on April 9, 2014 at 9:00 am and again at 5:00 pm in Room 105. Please plan to attend the workshop so we can help you with this process.
Spring Quarter 2014 Reminders

- Classes start April 2, 2014
- Midterm classes start May 12, 2014
- School closed on May 26, 2014 for Memorial Day
- Classes end June 21, 2014
- Quarter Break June 22-29, 2014

We received a card from The Anderson Chapter of Medical Assistants. In the card the Anderson Chapter expressed that they wanted to contribute towards the cost of those wanting to attend the SCAAMA Conference being held in Spartanburg, SC this March. Enclosed was a check written for $200. The MA students were so excited and immediately filled out a thank you card to send back. Thank you again Anderson Chapter!

Sincerely,
Class of 2014

Our students completed the Nursing Assistant class on December 12, 2013. They took their certification exam on February 8, 2014. We wished them all good luck!

Pictured in the front row is Tammy Shiflette and Hailey McCollum.

Pictured in the middle row is Princess-Rose Marie Gonda, Jasmine Clinkscales, Teressa Gentry, Samayia Barton, Anja Sykes, and Elizabeth Taylor.

Pictured in the back row is Melissa Bonds, Jeanna Marcengill, and Arlene Prioleau.
Hi. My name is Clayton Bethea and I am a student at Forrest College. I have been a student here since 2012. Let me tell you a little about my story. You know as a child you always dream of one day becoming something great; a firefighter, a pilot, even the President of the United States. For me, it was working in law enforcement. That is why in 2012, after only having obtained my GED, I decided to go to college to pursue my dreams of one day protecting my community. After a lot of hard work, determination, and a lot of inspiration from course instructors Tyrone Williams and Jesse Harris and a number of others at this wonderful school, my dreams have come true. I am now employed as an officer with the Anderson City Police Department, doing a job that I love.

I owe a big thank you to all of the staff at Forrest College that make it possible to ensure that every student succeeds, along with instructors that help you in every way to be placed in a field where you are happy. I look forward to graduating this coming September 2014. I encourage you all to press on, no matter how hard it may be at the time. Your hard work and determination is worth it.

Forrest College has created a family friendly atmosphere that allows flexibility in education, while still maintaining a family environment.

At Forrest College, families and students have found that returning to school does not mean that you become a number or that you are left to your own devices. Families have found that they are less stressed and have developed a strong support system because of the common bond with each other.
STOP YOUR WORRYING AND START YOUR TRAINING FOR A NEW CAREER TODAY!!

None of us need to be reminded that these are very tough economic times. A bad economy results in job layoffs. Job layoffs can mean tragic financial circumstances for individuals who are not prepared or poorly qualified to find work in the high-employment professions such as in computer or medical fields. Don't find yourself in a situation where you're out of work and unqualified. Consider Forrest College for your training or re-training needs.

In an environment that provides you caring, personalized and individualized attention, Forrest College can help you become more employable. We can make a big difference in your life.

Forrest College makes continuing your education easy for you and your family. You can attend your classes while your child participates in the onsite free child care that is provided to our students.

Many of our students would not be able to return to school if it were not for Forrest College’s Child Care. We provide your child with supervised recreational and educational activities while you work to better yourself by getting your degree at Forrest College.

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I am currently in my last quarter at Forrest College. In March 2014, I will have accomplished earning an Associate Degree in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Paralegal Studies. My experience in being a student at Forrest College has been great and a memory that I will always remember. The classroom settings being small, along with the passionate, caring instructors here at the College helped me to achieve, excel, and obtain my goal. The students have become some of my closest friends. What makes Forrest College successful is that there is no “I” in team. We are all team members and “Together Everyone Achieves More”.

Stephanie Williams-Watson
(Business/Paralegal Studies Major)