

PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# CAREER PATHWAYS NEWS

## Connie Halter Wins New Century Scholarship

Connie Halter, a student in the Career Pathways program at Pulaski Tech, has been named a New Century Scholar and has won a two-year scholarship worth \$2,000 and a trip to an awards ceremony at the American Association of Community Colleges conference in Philadelphia in early April.

Halter said applicants were required to write an essay and complete several pages of paperwork, but she agreed that the prize was well worth the effort. The scholarship is awarded to the highest-scoring All USA-Academic Team participant in each state. In 2006, Halter was chosen to represent PTC in the Academic All-Stars program.

Halter is able to juggle her responsibilities and still keep her grades high. She works part-time and is the mother of seven children. Two of her daughters are currently attending college at Pulaski Tech, and one is attending school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The scholarship, which is funded by two Coca-Cola foundations, is for students transferring to four-year institutions. Halter said she plans to transfer to the University of Central Arkansas and pursue a degree in teaching, focusing on English and art.

## 3-Week CNA Program Slated to Begin Fall 2008

This fall, students who are eligible for benefits through the Career Pathways Initiative will be able to enroll in a three-week Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. Classes will meet Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Jacksonville. Qualified students will get assistance with tuition, childcare, transportation, and more.

To find out if you are qualified or to apply for the program, come by one of the Career Pathways locations or call us at (501) 812-2725.



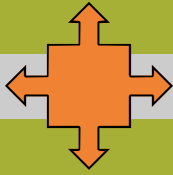
**Seating is limited, so apply early!**

## Eligibility Requirements for the Career Pathways Initiative:

- Must have custody of a child under the age of 21 who lives in the home on a permanent basis
- Be employed during the period of reimbursement for childcare or transportation
- And fit within the income guidelines as indicated to the right.

Persons in Family Unit	Annual Income
2	\$34,225
3	\$42,925
4	\$51,625
5	\$60,325





### Career Pathways Counselors are Here to Help

Students in the Career Pathways program are required to check in with their counselors at least once per month, and students receiving childcare assistance are required to meet with their counselors at least twice per month. Failure to do so will result in the students being dropped from the program.

Career Pathways students should contact their counselors before dropping a course. Counselors will be able to assist students in understanding the possible consequences and to help avoid unexpected problems.

Those students who have concerns about how their classes are going should let their counselors know as early as possible. Counselors will be able to provide resources and information to help students get back on track.

Career Pathways students are required to check their email at least once per week for Career Pathways-related announcements and information. Additionally, students are able to read postings and get forms and information from the Yahoo Groups website (see address below).

**Group Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ptcarpathways>

### Important Dates

- March 21: Last day to drop a class
- March 24-29: Spring Break
- April 2: **PTC Job Fair**, Campus Center, Grand Hall, 10:00-1:30
- April 8: **Spring Fling**, PTC Little Rock-West, 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., parking lot
- April 17: Fall & Summer Registration opens for continuing students
- **April 26:** **Trio/Career Pathways Conference**, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., U.S. Bank Room, IT Building
- April 29: Last day to withdraw (from all classes)
- May 2: Student Study Day, no classes, campus open
- May 3: Last day of instruction
- May 5: Finals begin
- May 15: Commencement, 7:00 p.m., Alltel Arena
- May 26: Memorial Day, campus closed



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