

Vol State VALUE ADDED

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**Time to register for the
Volunteer State Community
College Spring 2010
Job Career Fair,
Wednesday, April 21st, 10am-1pm**

Vendor registration online at
www.volstate.edu/careerfair

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Volunteer State Community College has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms. "The Vol State program of service learning and community service means that we are adding community elements to academic programs," said service learning director Dr. Rick Parrent. "This recognition shows the number of community projects our faculty and staff are involved in, and have been involved in over the last several years." College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector; in 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of service, according to the Volunteering in America study released by the Corporation. Vol State students have worked in secondary school classrooms, helping teachers find new ways to improve learning. Ophthalmic students have taken their classroom skills to Guatemala to fit needy people with glasses as part of a mission trip organized by the Hendersonville Rotary Club. Students have built displays and experiments to engage kids during the annual Science and Math expo. Classes across campus participate in everything from tutoring immigrants to communication projects as part of service learning. For more information on Service Learning at Vol State visit www.volstate.edu/ServiceLearning



*Volunteer State Community
College
Office of Career
Placement's newest
Career Alumni Network
member:

Ms. Sheri Edwards*

Sherie Edwards, Associate of Science General (journalism and business management, Class of 1979; Trevecca Nazarene University, 1991; Nashville School of Law, 1996.

As a senior at Hendersonville High School in 1977, I attended accelerated English classes at Vol State, which gave me the opportunity to experience the campus first hand. I considered other colleges during my senior year but, since I was awarded scholarships by the Hendersonville Noon Sertoma Club for two years, it just made sense to attend Vol State, and I'm so glad that I did. During my time at Vol State I made life-long friendships and had the opportunity to stretch personally by assuming leadership roles in both the SGA (as vice-president) and on The Settler (as associate editor). What I loved then, and still love now, is the accessibility of the faculty and the smaller class size which I believe lead to an exceptional educational experience.

My educational journey did not follow a traditional path. After graduation from Vol State in 1979, I took a 'mommy' break for 10 years before returning to formal education. My experience at Vol State was the foundation to my continued education at Trevecca Nazarene University (MHR '91) and the Nashville School of Law ('96). I am currently a senior attorney and government relations manager for State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company. I credit my experience at Vol State for placing me on the career path I currently travel; personally, it is a great joy for me to be able to give back to the college through participation on the Alumni Advisory Board and CAN.

Register now for the March courses offered by the Business and Industry Institute at Volunteer State Community College.

For a complete schedule of all Spring and Summer 2010 Workforce Development courses



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