

Carswell to head Business Technologies at WPCC

Jane Byrd Carswell of Morganton has been appointed to the position of Dean of Business Technologies at Western Piedmont Community College.

Carswell, who has been associated with the college as an instructor and administrator since 1990, previously served as Acting Dean and then Associate Dean of that division.

A native of Burke County, Carswell graduated summa cum laude from Western Carolina University in 1981 with a BSBA degree in general management. She returned to WCU in 1983 to begin work on her master's degree in business administration, which she completed in 1986.



Before her association with Western Piedmont, Carswell was Operations Manager for Alba Waldensian's Health Care Division from 1983-1988 and Operations Manager of BriGam Medical Inc. of Morganton from 1988-1990.

During her tenure at WPCC, Carswell has taught courses in and coordinated the industrial management technology and public administration curriculum programs.

"What I find most rewarding about teaching here is that I have the chance to help my entire community," she said. "Western Piedmont really serves two purposes: it provides people with an affordable education and at the same time prepares them to be better employees and citizens. That's what I like best - being able to make a difference for our students."

In terms of her goals as Dean of Business Technologies, Carswell said she feels it is important to continue to strive to meet the needs of our area's employers.

"Western Piedmont has such a good relationship with local businesses and industry. I want to make sure that we keep working to assess their needs and to provide programs that will fill those needs."

Carswell resides on Hopewell Road in Morganton and is the mother of two children, Chris Carswell and Gretchen Holden, both of Valdese.