

# Business Facts



## Candidates await graduation

Eleven business majors are among 94 university-wide candidates slated to receive the baccalaureate degree during graduation ceremonies to be held on the Campus Green on May 12.

Candidates for the B.S. in Business Administration degree and their areas of concentration are as follows: Calvin Baldwin (Small Business Management), Stacie Brickhouse (Marketing and Small Business Management), Sarah Davis (Accounting), Mycale Eggleston (Accounting), Adam Ellington (Information Systems), Jonathan Hodge (Accounting and Information Systems), James Howell (Information Systems), John Shellito (Information Systems), Latisha Smallwood (Accounting), Brandon Squires (Information Systems), and Austin Teal (Marketing and Small Business Management).



## Students claim Awards Day honors

Two seniors shared in top honors bestowed on business students at the university-wide Awards Day program held on campus on April 25. The Marylou Jones Armstrong Business Award was a joint presentation to Sarah Davis, a resident of Courtland, Virginia, and Jonathan Hodge, a resident of Murfreesboro. Each student received an engraved plaque and a monetary gift.

The award is named for Marylou Jones Armstrong, who taught business classes on a volunteer basis while she was a student at Chowan during the 1920s. Her efforts led to the establishment of the Department of Business (now School of Business). Over the years, thousands of business majors have benefited from her entrepreneurial efforts.

Two graduating seniors were named co-recipients of the Benjamin Conrad Sutton, Sr. Award for Business Leadership. Both James Howell (Jay) and Latisha Smallwood were recognized for their leadership traits and excellence in service to the university and to their communities. Both students are commuters. Howell is from Roanoke Rapids, and Smallwood is from Windsor (NC).

The award honors a former business manager for Chowan. Sutton served the college and the Murfreesboro community from 1961-1991 with tireless energy, wisdom, and distinction.

Holly Byrum, a Music Business/Technology major from Suffolk, Virginia, was honored with the Outstanding Student in Economics Award.

## Cothorn and Smallwood receive awards

Amanda Cothorn and Latisha Smallwood were honored with the Howard Award and the O'Neil Award, respectively, at the Business Recognition Day program on April 17.

The Howard Award recognized Cothorn for her proficiency in business English and for exhibiting qualities of good citizenship. The award is sponsored by Mrs. Ellen H. Brown, a former Murfreesboro resident.

Receiving the O'Neil Award was a repeat performance for Smallwood, who received the same recognition in 2005. The award goes to the business student who best displays professionalism inside and outside the classroom. Mrs. Elizabeth L. Francis-Brown, a former faculty member in the School of Business, sponsors the annual award.

## Hodge is statewide scholarship winner

Jonathan Hodge, a senior in the Accounting and Information Systems concentrations, was recently named a scholarship winner in statewide competition conducted by the North Carolina CPA Foundation. This year is the second successive year he has received scholarships from the foundation.

Hodge's current award consists of two scholarships: \$1,000 from the NCCPA Foundation and \$1,000 from the James L. McCoy Accounting Scholarship Endowment Fund.

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, all applicants are required to meet academic merit standards and to submit an original essay on an assigned topic. The final selection of winners is based on the essay (70%) and participation in extracurricular activities (30%).

## School of Business represented at Chowan Academic Forum

Aurora Riel and Patsy Taylor, associate professors, represented the School of Business at the Interdisciplinary Symposium, which was held on April 23 in conjunction with the annual *Chowan Academic Forum: A Celebration of the Intellectual and Artistic Life of Chowan University*.

Both faculty members addressed an aspect of this year's theme, the American South. Riel spoke on "Accounting Serving Coca-Cola," and Taylor made a presentation entitled "Eating High on the Hog—Barbeque: A Southern Cultural Icon."

On April 24, Jonathan Hodge, a business senior, spoke at the CU Undergraduate Research Conference, another phase of the Forum. His presentation was entitled "The Role of Ethical Accounting in Contemporary Society."

## Chinedu C. Iwuora- Student of the Month

Chinedu Iwuora's career aspirations have taken a U-turn from his early inclinations. Born into a family of medical professionals, Chinedu thought that he, like both his parents and his sister, would become a medical doctor. Then toward the end of high school, he took two social science courses—economics and geography—that significantly influenced him and caused him to choose a career path that focuses on the world of business.

At Chowan University (CU), Chinedu is studying in the Accounting Concentration. "I have always liked math—it's my favorite subject—and I enjoy a challenge," he explained.

An international student from Lagos, Nigeria, Chinedu was encouraged to attend CU by his sister, who is currently in medical school at Wake Forest University and had

learned about CU through her church. Another influential factor in his decision was discovering that CU has a soccer team, a sport at which he excels. In fact, as soon as the NCAA Clearinghouse verifies his eligibility, Chinedu intends to join the Hawks in their intercollegiate soccer competition.

At CU, Chinedu is an outstanding student. He placed on the President's List last semester; and if his commitment to academic excellence is any indication, he will appear there again and again as the future unfolds.

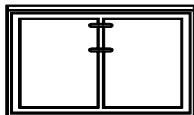
Out of class, Chinedu enjoys participating in Phi Beta Lambda, the business curriculum organization; the International Student Union; and Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman honor society to which he was recently inducted. His hobbies include playing Scrabble, soccer, and billiards and reading novels.

Chinedu would like his classmates to know about his Christian faith, his respect for culture, and his commitment to values that build character. For example, in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech shooting massacre, Chinedu shaved his head to mourn the terrible loss of life during the incident.

Chinedu has had to make two significant adjustments since arriving in Murfreesboro. One is related to food; the other, climate. He finds American food very bland compared with the spiciness of Nigeria cuisine, and the climate is cold compared to home. "When I first arrived here, I owned one sweater," he laughed. "Now I wear three, and I still get cold."

After he graduates from CU, Chinedu plans to enter graduate school at the University of Texas at Arlington. He is familiar with the school already. His sister graduated from there, he has relatives who live in Arlington, and he goes there during extended vacation periods. He will travel there for his summer vacation in a few weeks.

Congratulations, Chinedu, on your extraordinary record during your freshman year. May the years ahead bring you even greater achievements and much happiness.



### May 2007 Dates to Remember

May	3	Reading Day
	3	Commencement Rehearsal (1:30 p.m.), Vaughan Auditorium
	4-8	Final Exams
	11	Senior Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Dining Hall
	12	Graduation Rehearsal, 8 a.m., Columns Bldg.
	12	Commencement, 10 a.m., Campus Green
	21	Summer Session registration
	22	Begin Summer School at CU
Jul	6	End Summer School at CU
Aug	20	Students meet with academic advisors
	21	Students meet with advisors
	22	Fall semester classes begin



#### *In Memoriam*

*Willie C. Jones*  
1988-2007

*Ashley Denise Leeper*  
1988-2007

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