

## **Rita Mirando**

A graduate of the PCC Continuing Education Division's barber school, Rita Mirando came to Greenville after Hurricane Mitch ravaged her home country of Honduras. The 45-year-old mother of five was essentially homeless upon her arrival and worked several low-paying jobs to make ends meet.

Though she intended to enroll in cosmetology courses at PCC, Mirando could not afford them. So when she heard about Pitt's barber program, she enrolled and, upon completing her training, went on to receive her barber's license.

Today, Mirando makes a good living and is quite successful serving the Latin American clientele. She says barber school gave her more self-confidence and taught her more about modern haircuts and providing good customer service.

## **Brian Moffitt**

Brian Moffitt's success at the workplace has major implications as to how well NASCAR's #43 and #45 cars perform on the track. A 1994 graduate of PCC's Marketing and Retailing program, Moffitt is Vice President of Marketing for Richard Petty's racing organization. Therefore, his ability to secure sponsorship dollars plays a crucial role in the Petty team's ability to make their cars faster on race day.

Moffitt's boss, legendary stock car driver Richard Petty, has been pleased with Brian's ability to get the job done for his racing team. "(Brian) had a good education to be able to handle the everyday situations we have here," Petty said.

Moffitt has not forgotten his PCC roots. He and the Petty organization have made contributions to the PCC Foundation that have helped raise funding for student scholarships.

## **Darrell Robinson**

Born in Wilmington, Darrell Robinson is now an attorney in the Washington, D.C., area, where he moved with his family at age 18. The first member of his family to attend college, Robinson began his law education at PCC.

During a college fair, a Barton College representative recognized Robinson's academic ability and suggested he transfer to Barton on an academic scholarship. He went on to graduate magna cum laude with a degree in Criminal Justice before earning a Juris Doctorate from N.C. Central.

Upon completing his studies at NCCU, Robinson landed a clerkship with the Maryland Public Defenders Office in Upper Marlboro, MD. While clerking for a judge there, he passed the Maryland bar and took a position as an assistant public defender.

Robinson made a name for himself by taking on thousands of cases and losing very few in two years as an assistant public defender. He eventually opened his own law firm in

December 2007 and has acquired many new clients, representing each of them with the same zeal he displayed while working with the Public Defenders Office.

### **Tim Strickland**

A 1988 PCC graduate with a diploma in residential carpentry, Tim Strickland participated in the college's first homebuilding project by students.

Currently the director of facilities at Wilson Community College, Strickland continues to assist PCC as an active member of the school's Building Construction Technology Advisory Board.

In addition to his advisory role with PCC, Strickland serves as treasurer of the N.C. Community College Association of Facilities Operators. He is also a deacon at Webb's Chapel Baptist Church and a Scout Leader for Cub Scout Pack 961.

Tim and his wife, Lisa, live in Macclesfield with their two sons, Jacob and Ethan.

### **Wayne Trainor II**

Wayne Trainor II is a Respiratory Therapy Supervisor at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, where he started his health care career in 1984 as a patient transporter.

In the 24 years he has spent at PCMH, Trainor has worked as a respiratory therapy technician and, following his graduation from PCC's Respiratory Therapy program in 1997, a Respiratory Therapist Level 1. Since graduating from Pitt, he has continued earning additional credentials, licensure and certifications in his field.

Trainor, who has served as a clinical instructor and day shift supervisor for the Respiratory Care Department at PCMH, has been involved in several professional organizations in the Respiratory Therapy field. He has served on PCC's Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee and Allied Health Educators Committee.

Trainor's efforts in the health care field have earned him several professional awards, including the 2000 Allied Health Professional of the Year award. He was also a candidate for the ECU School of Medicine Brody Award.

### **Kelly Turner**

For the past 18 months, 2006 PCC graduate Kelly Turner has worked as a course developer for the BioNetwork Bioprocessing Center, which is part of the N.C. Community College System's biotechnology training and economic development initiative and is hosted by PCC.

After losing her manufacturing job with Wrangler when the company downsized, Turner enrolled at PCC through an articulation agreement with Wilson Community College. As a Pitt biotechnology student, she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International and

Gamma Beta Phi honor societies and posted an overall 3.6 grade point average while completing her associate degree requirements.

Turner also became a single mom, which made completion of her education more difficult. But she accepted the challenge and is now in the third semester of a 2 + 2 articulation with ECU, where she intends to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology with a concentration in Bioprocess Manufacturing.