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VACANCY

Education Support Specialist II, position number R0111, restricted, grant-funded, full-time position with benefits, in the Educational Talent Search Program. Salary \$23,999. Educational Talent Search is a Federal TRIO Program whose purpose is to help students define educational and career goals. Services are available in Lee, Scott, and Wise counties, the City of Norton, and the Town of Clintwood. The program is especially designed for students of families with low incomes or students whose parents have not received a four-year college degree.

Required qualifications: a high school diploma is required, a bachelor's degree is preferred; excellent oral and written communication skills; must be a team player and be able to work independently with minimal supervision. Preferred qualifications: experience working with middle or high school students; computer skills in word processing and FileMaker Pro. Extensive local travel to schools within the MECC service region and occasionally out of the service area is required, as well as occasional evening work. Experience in working with high risk youth, career exploration/counseling, knowledge of college admissions and financial aid procedures, SAT tests, study skills, time management, and leadership skills is preferred. Prior TRIO experience, overcoming a disadvantaged/high risk background, and being a first-generation college graduate is desirable. For a more detailed description of job duties and responsibilities, please visit the Employment Opportunities page on the MECC web site at <http://www.mecc.edu/employment.htm>.

To apply, submit a Virginia Application for Employment form no later than **Wednesday, November 19, 2008**, to Human Resource Office, Mountain Empire Community College, 3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, telephone (276) 523-2400. The application form may be accessed at <http://jobs.state.va.us/eo-appl.htm> or obtained at any state agency. MECC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Documents verifying identity and eligibility to work in the United States must be presented upon employment. Selected applicant will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

THE GREEN TIP



Did you know?

- For every ton of paper that is recycled, the following is saved: 7,000 gallons of water; 380 gallons of oil; and enough electricity to power an average house for six months.
 - You can run a TV for six hours on the amount of electricity that is saved by recycling one aluminum can.
 - By recycling just one glass bottle, you save enough electricity to power a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- (<http://gogreeninitiative.org/content/WhyGoGreen>)

HOLIDAYS

The College will be closed November 26-28 for Thanksgiving.

Due to the holiday, there will not be a LINK for November 28. The next LINK will be the December 5 issue.

The College will also be closed December 24 - January 2.



SAFETY SMARTS

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) is not an option. Always wear the required PPE.
- Check that PPE is in good condition before each use.
- Make sure PPE fits properly to ensure its effectiveness.
- Many home and recreational activities have safety hazards. Use PPE during these too.



SW VA MUSEUM

Thirteenth Annual Festival of Trees

Sunday, November 16 – Sunday, December 31

The Festival of Trees continues into its thirteenth year! All four floors of the museum are decorated with over 80 holiday trees, mantle, doorway, and banister decorations. Local families, businesses, and civic organizations provide and decorate each display for your enjoyment. The Festival of Trees is open to the public during regular museum hours, as well as for special night viewings.

“Creative Cookies”

Saturday, December 13, 1-3 PM

Join local baker Donna Ball for an afternoon of holiday cookie decorating. You will learn simple techniques to deck your cookies with colored icing. Each participant will frost and take home a half-dozen cookies. This class is suitable for a single adult or an adult/child team. The \$15.00 fee applies to either a team or single adult and includes all supplies. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Registration and payment deadline is December 5.

FOUNDATION EVENT

The MECC Foundation is conducting a special event on Thursday, December 4 at the Jettie Baker Center to raise funds for the Dickenson County AIMS Higher Scholarship Fund.

The event will feature a reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., and will be followed by a concert of holiday songs performed by the Appalachian Express Chorus, which is a group of men from the Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City area who sing a capella, four-part harmony. They are part of the International Barbershop Harmony Society and have been ringing the chords for over 40 years.

The AIMS Higher Scholarship encourages students to complete a challenging curriculum and to attend MECC for up to 72 credit hours, with no cost for tuition and fees.

Event tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by calling the Event Committee Chair, Doris Rife, at 926-8694, or Jeri Bledsoe at extension 287.

Those wishing to make a gift to the scholarship fund should make the check payable to MECC Foundation. Please note on the check that it is for the Dickenson County AIMS Higher Scholarship.

