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By Brack Johnson and Ariel Smallwood

received the university's prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award. The annual award recognizes a faculty member for her personal influence and performance of duty in teaching, writing and scholarship. UNC faculty members nominate candidates for the honor, which carries a cash prize. A faculty committee chooses the recipient.



Kisha Daniels

Dr. Kisha Daniels, an associate professor in the School of Education at N.C. Central University, in Durham, received an Endeavour Executive Award from the government of Australia. Daniels was recognized for her research on the use of

service-learning as a teaching strategy. She's spending the fall semester in Australia, working with faculty at the University of Western Sydney to promote the inclusion of service-learning techniques in their education programs, with a particular focus on marginalized populations.

Dr. Hiller Spires, professor at N.C. State University's College of Education, in Raleigh, and fellow at the university's Friday Institute, worked this summer with teams of teachers in planning ways to help their students become digitally literate. Spires believes students must be able to create content and critically analyze information, not just surf the Web.

Olympic medalist **Abby Johnston**, a student at Duke University, threw out a ceremonial first pitch prior to a Durham Bulls baseball game last month. She also signed autographs for fans on the concourse during the game. Johnston, 22, captured a silver medal in London in the women's synchronized 3-meter springboard diving competition along with partner Kelci Bryant.

Two Triangle students took top honors at the highly competitive summer internship program at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park. **Bridget**

Firms

The Women of Broad Street, owners and managers of local businesses and organizations, held a grand opening of their building at 721-731 Broad St., Durham. They are Pamela Gutlon of Outsiders Art & Collectibles, Jodee Nimerichter of the American Dance Festival, Amy Tornquist of Hummingbird Bakery, Nancy McKaig of Step and Satya Tara of Samadhi Shala.

Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming opened in Cary, noted two of the owners, sisters and Cary residents Rachel Karaman and Elise Karaman. The nationally franchised store offers full- and self-service grooming as well as pet food and supplies.

Laura A. Schoppe, president of Fuentek, an Apex-based consulting firm that provides intellectual property and technology transfer services, announced that the firm has expanded to include consultants in Washington, D.C. The relocation of Fuentek's **Danielle McCulloch**, a senior technology transfer consultant, helps the company meet the needs of clients in and around the nation's capital.



Danielle McCulloch

Tara Onthank and Gina daRoza, two of the owners of Rising Sun Pools & Spas, which has been providing customers with pools, spas and aquatic accessories for more than 40 years, announced that the company was recognized in Pool & Spa News' annual national rankings. Rising Sun Pools & Spas, with offices in Raleigh and Garner, was 30th in builders, seventh among top social networkers and third in customer service.

Food

Amy Tornquist opened Hummingbird Bakery, in Durham. Tornquist is the owner/chef of

Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club, in Durham, announced:



Diane Tighe

• **Diane Tighe**, director of catering and conference services, received the Certified Professional Catering Executive designation from the National Association for Catering and Events.

• **Danielle Massey** was named catering sales manager. She's responsible

for pre-planning and on-site services for the property's banquet facilities and special event venues.

Sally Webb, CEO of The Special Event Co., an event and meeting management company based in Research Triangle Park, announced:



Rachel Thompson

• **Rachel Thompson** was promoted to global chief operating officer.

• **Dorothy Bedor** is the new vice president of business development.

American Express OPEN and Facebook selected The Produce Box, a produce delivery company, in its annual small-business competition. The Produce Box, which started five years ago in the Raleigh home of stay-at-home mom **Courtney Tellefsen**, has grown to help more than 40 North Carolina farmers deliver their fresh produce to front porches across the Triangle, Wilmington and Winston-Salem.



Dorothy Bedor

to, among others, District Court Judge Susan Bray, Guilford County; Marjorie Menestres, Wake County; and Mary Catherine Steven, Surry County.



Center for Women in Public Service graduation ceremony

The N.C. Center for Women in Public Service held its graduation ceremony for the annual Women in Office Institute. The organization prepares women for elected and appointed offices in North Carolina. The graduates are: Kyla Block, Megan Boler, Michelle Drake Denning, Renee Hango, Tharesa Chadwick Lee, Charlotte Mitchell and Angelicia Simmons.

Gov. Bev Perdue and Keith Crisco, secretary of the N.C. Department of Commerce, traveled to Japan as leaders of a delegation to the high-profile Southeast U.S./Japan annual joint meeting in Tokyo. While in Japan, Gov. Perdue and officials with the Commerce Department met with export clients as well as prospects considering new investments.

Mayor Nancy McFarlane proclaimed September "International Month." The proclamation recognizes the diversity of national origins and cultures in Raleigh, where the foreign-born population almost doubled between 2000 and 2010. The annual International Festival draws 30,000 visitors to the Raleigh Convention Center each September.