

Rising STAR

STAR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Hi, I'm Sharon , and I'm making a life for me and my children!

I graduated from STAR during the spring of 2004. I got a job at **gsi commerce** and I'm still there after 4 years!

Thanks so much for helping me get the confidence and self-esteem I needed so that I could get a job that my family and I could be proud of. By picking me to take **STAR** classes, you have helped me to become a top performer in my job. I even had one customer offer me a job over the phone!

I wanted to learn and work in the clerical field; I wanted to make something of myself and be a better person. My mother went to my graduation and said she was so proud of me and everyday since she tells me she is proud of me for having a good job. **STAR** is the best thing that ever happened to me – it changed my life. Because of **STAR** I may even go to college.



My name is Sharonda, and I work at Winn Dixie.

This program has helped me to get the extra skills that I needed to qualify for the job I want. I want to also say that instead of putting

on my resume what my skills and abilities are, I have certificates of courses that I have completed that I can and will present with applications and my resume. I know how to prepare for an interview, knowing what to say and what not to say.

I've learned in this program about life skills as far as how I spend my money. I've also kept a log of my personal goals and dreams which helped me to strive to complete those things I want to accomplish in life, not only my short term goals, but long term ones such as career and educational goals. Last but not least, it was a pleasure to have met a group of high spirited and dedicated people who love what they do and use what they know to teach others who are willing to learn.

You may come from nothing, but oh, what a something you will become, if given the opportunity.

Merinda

*Radiology Tech
Southeast Georgia
Health System*



- ★ Mother of 3
- ★ Received an associate degree in radiological technology
- ★ Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree
- ★ Clinical instructor in radiology tech

Wanda

*Accounting Dept.
Dan Vaden
Chevrolet*



I had been laid off from my job, but when I went on a job interview and was turned down because I didn't have computer experience. The **STAR** class was one of the best things I have ever done for myself.

**Making a difference -
one graduate at a time!**

STAR Statistics

22 students enrolled this quarter
825 people have graduated since 1997

Results from June 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008

Total number of graduates	130
Employed at time of enrollment	28%
Employed at 6 months after graduation	56%
Employed at 1 year after graduation	69%
Average salary increase after 1 year	12%

Upcoming Dates

Graduation

Thursday, March 12th - 5 - 6 pm
First Presbyterian Church
1105 Union Street, Brunswick

★ *Spring Social*

March 24th - 4 - 6 pm
STAR Foundation

1907 Gloucester Street, Brunswick.
Opportunity for our recent graduates to
network with future employers and
supportive individuals from the community.

Next Class

Registration anytime until **March 20th**
Interviews will be held on
March 25th at 9 pm
New class begins on **April 2nd at 8:45 am**

Thank you!
Thank you!

Volunteers

Mike Ferguson Realtor
Marsha SmithKeep Brunswick
Golden Isles Beautiful
Steve Holt Atlantic National Bank
Dee RogersFinancial Management
Jayne MathewsRich Products
Donna RatliffRich Products
Mike Hendley Express Personnel Services
Floyd Phoenix ..College of Coastal Georgia
Meredith Tolley Amity House
Carmen Knox Amity House
Beth VanDerbeck ...The VanDerbeck Group
Tara MimsDatabase Designer



Welcome New Board Members

- Rhonda Wells – STAR graduate 2002
- Pamela Devenney

Our Goal:

To improve the quality of our workforce and
assist individuals in achieving financial stability
through meaningful employment by providing
computer, life skills and job readiness training.