

## McClatchy-Tribune Regional News (USA)

### Five members will join Hall of Honor

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The Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor will add five new members during its 10th annual induction ceremony. Paul Hunt Broyhill, Dr. William Happer and Dr. Jeffrey Neal Isaac will be inducted into the Hall of Honor during the 6 p.m. ceremony set to take place Friday, March 23 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Posthumous recognition will be made for Stella Azalee Austin and Dr. Sharon Smith Pennell.

Tickets for the event are \$20 and can be purchased at the Education Center, located at 1914 Hickory Blvd., Lenoir, until March 19.

The addition of the latest five inductees increases the Hall of Honor's membership to 52 people who were part of the Caldwell County School System and have gone on to make a difference in their lives through contributions to various fields. The program began in 2003.

Each year a 15-member committee representing communities in each high school district accepts nominations for the Hall of Honor. Nominations must be received by Dec. 1 each year, and forms are available year-round at the Education Center.

A nominee must meet one of the following criteria to be a candidate for the Hall of Honor: 1) be a graduate of a Caldwell County school; 2) while attending Caldwell County Schools was admitted to the N.C. School of Mathematics and Science or the N.C. Schools of the Arts and received a high school diploma from that institution; or 3) ended his/her secondary education as a Caldwell County Schools student, did not receive a high school diploma, but did receive a post-secondary degree from an institution of higher learning.

For more information about the Hall of Honor induction ceremony, contact Libby Brown at 828-728-8407, ext. 120.

#### Dr. Jeffrey Neal Isaac

A graduate of Hibriten High School and ardent band student who served as the Hibriten High School band president his senior year in 1977, Jeffrey Neal Isaac has been greatly influenced and mentored by Caldwell County notable band directors and music teachers, such as George Kirsten, Patsy Bost Hollar, Camilla Graeber, Bill Witcher and John Miller.

He completed his Ph.D. in Leadership in Higher Education from Capella University in May 2008 with a dissertation topic of "Reducing Students' Writing Deficits Utilizing Online Remediation Approaches." He has a Master's of Divinity in Religious Education degree from Southern Seminary and a Bachelor's degree in Arts from Wake Forest University. Isaac currently is serving as the associate vice chancellor of Student Services, a responsibility that includes 30 campus locations. Previously, he worked at **Keiser University** as director of Student Services; associate vice president in Continuing Education; and campus vice president and campus president at **Keiser University's** Pembroke Pines Campus.

Before **Keiser University**, Dr. Isaac worked at Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington, Del., in Student Services, Alumni Relations and Career Services teaching history and social science electives as well as working part-time at Silverside Church as director of Education. Previously, he completed internships at the Baptist Union of Scotland/University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and with the University of Georgia Baptist Student Union in Athens. He attributes much of what he learned and is grateful to Rev. Douglas Hutcheon of Scotland, Mike Lewis, Ken and Gale Little (youth and music ministers at College Avenue Baptist Church) and Ms. Jean Abernethy (First Baptist Church, Marion).

As a youth he served in Youth Ministry through College Avenue Baptist Church of Lenoir, where he and his family attended. Later as an adult, he continued to serve as youth director/education director at the following churches: Oak Grove Baptist Church in Boone; Grace Baptist Church of Charlotte; First Baptist Church of Marion; Rehoboth Baptist Church, Washington, Ga.; Bridge of Don Baptist Church, Aberdeen Scotland, where he worked as a Baptist Journeyman for two years.

He has held committee leadership positions in the Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers, and he has been a member of the National Association of Colleges and Employers as well as the Chambers of Commerce in the cities where he has worked.

He is a graduate of both Leadership Delaware program and the Career College Association Leadership Institute in 2002. He has been involved in the KEY Executive Program since July 2006 as part of Leadership Centers USA/Vistage. With the support and vision of Mrs. Belinda Keiser, he has helped establish a LEADERSHIP

DISTINCTION program at 30 campuses whereby students complete up to 10 professional development seminars and community service hours to gain a Leadership Certificate.

Isaac dedicates his time to students and graduates in an effort to assist them with positive educational experiences and successful career placement. With more than 26 years of experience in higher education, he regularly visits college campuses to ensure that the development of student leadership teams reach optimum performance and identify the interrelatedness of departmental operations.

As a native of Lenoir, he continues to be involved in his hometown community. Recently, he organized the "Loving Lenoir 2011" weekend with assistance from former classmates and alumni. He is the son of Mary Suddreth Isaac and Lewis Richard Isaac, and grandson of the late Viola Suddreth, Richard and Josephine Isaac. His sister, Libby Isaac Hamby, resides in Cary, N.C., and his older sister Cindy Isaac Stamey resides in Lenoir, N.C. Isaac also attributes his success to a strong foundation of support from members of College Avenue Baptist Church, Lenoir, and other extended family members, including Aunt Hazel Davis, Aunt Elosie Austin and Aunt Jan Suddreth.