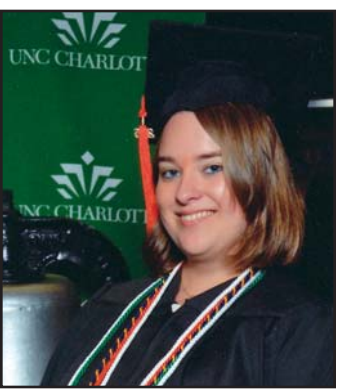


Tiffany Leigh Treadaway Graduated



Tiffany Leigh Treadaway, daughter of Mark and Rhonda Treadaway of Wadesboro, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor's Degree in Systems Engineering with a minor in Mathematics with high honors on Saturday, May 14. She was inducted into the Order of the Engineer the day before graduation. Tiffany is also a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, in which she served as Treasurer.

Tiffany was honored at Cathedral Baptist Church in Wadesboro on Sunday, May 22 for all of her accomplishments. At that time Tiffany presented the church with a Certificate of Appreciation for their love and support. She also appreciates her family, including her brother Jonathan who attends the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, both of her grandmothers, Rochelle Williams and Louise Treadaway of Wadesboro, and all of her extended family. Tiffany has taken a job at the Wadesboro operations of Columbus McKinnon Corporation as a Quality Assurance Engineer.

Erin Thomas Earns UNCG Teacher Education Fellows Scholarship



This is a release from The School of Education at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro: The School of Education at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is pleased to announce Erin Thomas of Wadesboro as a recipient of the prestigious UNCG Teacher Education Fellows scholarship. The Teacher Education Fellows Program is a campus-based scholarship and enrichment program aimed at developing the teacher as a servant leader within a diverse and global context by way of engagement in activities focused on service, leadership, and diversity and global awareness.

"After an extensive application and interview process involving a substantial number of students from throughout North Carolina, we could not be more excited about this cohort of Teacher Education Fellows," said Jennifer Stephens, director of the UNCG Teacher Education Fellows Program. "These students have demonstrated a willingness to lead, a commitment to service and global engagement, a pursuit of academic rigor, and a passion for the teaching profession. Erin Thomas is a promising future teacher that will most certainly have a positive impact on the lives of the students that she teaches."

UNCG Teacher Education Fellows receive a \$20,000.00 scholarship, awarded incrementally over four years, as well as access to a variety of other benefits, including early internships, integrated seminars, networking events, community engagement opportunities, and leadership development. Fellows also participate in a semester abroad as part of the global focus of the program and live in relative proximity to one another in one of the Residential Colleges or Lloyd International Honors College.

The current phase of the program, which replaced the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program at UNCG, is funded through the generosity of the Marian Franklin Scholarship, the Jacqueline W. & Jack H. Varner Scholarship, the J. Barnwell & Mary Blair Allison Scholarship, and the Sarah Cole Jordan Endowment. As new endowment and scholarship funds are contributed, the UNCG Teacher Education Fellows Program will continue to expand, adding more students and activities.

Erin is the daughter of Eric and Pam Thomas of Wadesboro. Her grandparents are Linda Thomas of Polkton and Ralph and Sylvia Raines of Cordova, NC.

Better Business Bureau Announces Midyear Dirty Half Dozen List

Top six worst rated businesses in the first half of 2016

The Better Business Bureau today announced its annual Dirty Half Dozen list of the top six area businesses with the most unanswered and unresolved complaints in the first half of 2016. "These six companies have made BBB's list for unacceptable business practices," said BBB President Tom Bartholomy. "When companies don't resolve or respond to complaints, they usually don't stay in business very long because consumers are checking businesses out in record numbers."

In the first half of 2016, consumers filed 7,518 complaints with BBB against businesses in the Southern Piedmont area of N.C. and S.C., a one percent increase over last year.

"The majority of businesses in our area work with BBB to resolve consumer complaints because they care about their reputation and they sincerely care about their customers," said Bartholomy. "Unfortunately though, there are businesses that don't resolve or respond to complaints at all."

Three of the top six companies on this list are marked as repeat offenders because they have made BBB's previous Dirty Dozen and/or Dirty Half Dozen lists. The top six businesses with the most unanswered and unresolved BBB complaints from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 are:

- **Gastonia Landscaping** (BBB grade F): Complainants allege that they paid deposits to this Gastonia-based landscaping service for jobs that were delayed longer than expected or they paid for work that was started, but not finished. Complainants also allege that the company will not honor warranty agreements. Six unanswered and unresolved complaints in the first half of 2016 and 22 total complaints in the past 36 months. **Repeat Offender**
- **AFSCO** (BBB grade F): Complainants allege that this Fort Mill-based collections agency called them about debts they did not owe and threatened to have them arrested if they did not pay the debt immediately. Five unanswered and unresolved complaints in the first half of 2016 and 11 total complaints from consumers living in 10 states in the past 36 months. **Repeat Offender**
- **Auto City, LLC** - NOT Auto City, Inc. - (BBB grade F): Complainants allege that they bought a car from this Charlotte-based used car dealer and then had problems with getting the car's title or registration and tags. Other complainants allege that the car they purchased had undisclosed damage. Five unanswered and unresolved complaints in the first half of 2016 and 16 total complaints in the past 36 months.
- **Flat Rate Movers** (BBB grade F): Complainants allege that this Fort Mill-based moving service damaged their furniture, damaged their homes, and/or would not deliver their furnishings unless additional money was paid. Five unanswered and unresolved complaints in the first half of 2016 and eight total complaints in the past 36 months.
- **United Towing, Inc.** (BBB grade F): Complaints allege that this Charlotte-based towing service engaged in predatory towing/booting of cars within minutes of them parking their car or that the company damaged their cars during the tow and refused to pay for damages. The company refutes these claims and says that people who park in lots where spaces are reserved or designated for specific businesses are stealing parking. Four unanswered and unresolved complaints in the first half of 2016 and 15 total complaints in the past 36 months. **Repeat Offender**
- **Professional Appliance Service** (BBB grade F): Complainants allege that they contacted with this Charlotte-based appliance repair company to repair a broken appliance and that the company said a part needed to be ordered. Complainants further allege that the company collected an upfront fee to order the part ranging from \$109 to \$1036, but did not return to install the part or fix the appliance. Some complainants also allege that the company damaged their floors. Three unanswered and unresolved complaints in the first half of 2016 and 15 total complaints in the past 36 months.

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