**Student volunteer praised for hard work**

By Scott Pachilis

Brittany Milliken, a senior majoring in Public Relations and minoring in Sociology, was named volunteer of the month for September by the Office of Community and Civic Engagement for her active involvement in the community. Milliken has not only participated in volunteering events, but has maintained the qualities and passion for helping the community and inspired others to become involved.

Milliken has been involved in several opportunities throughout our school. However, her work goes above and beyond just volunteering, "Christie Poteet, associate director of Community Service, said. "She truly represents what all students should strive to be: active, responsible and engaged."

During spring 2010, Milliken served as an intern for the leadership development program, Leader-Ship. She also spent a semester in the Office of Community and Civic Engagement during the summer where she created several publications for the office. As a result, Milliken is planning a trip to the International Civil Rights Center in Greensboro to help educate and inform students about civic engagement.

Milliken also participated in this year’s Day of Service with the Robeson County Church and Community Center.

"Her role in the 9/11 Day of Service was to go out and assist. She submitted a photo of herself that volunteered at this event," Poteet said.

**Paul Marsh led a party of about 50 students and chapter volunteers from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke to the campus of the Children’s Hospital in Greensboro to help educate, entice and inspire others to become involved.**

Milliken has been volunteering since high school, and volunteering has been a vital part of her life.

"No matter how bad your situation may be, there comes a moment when you have to give back to the community," Milliken said. "Volunteering creates a stronger bond between communities and volunteers that can’t be broken."

Milliken has also been an active volunteer through Air Force ROTC and her sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho. She volunteered with Pembroke Elementary School supplies and read to elementary school students in the community. She also volunteered for the Sigma Gamma Rho Donor Drive.

"It’s great to see little kids light up when the volunteers come in," Milliken said. "It’s important for children to have role models in their lives."

The next blood drive will be Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m. The drive will be sponsored by the Phi Beta Sigma and the Office of Community and Civic Engagement. The day’s heavy rain had flooded many of UNC-P’s campus, but the active volunteer force of volunteers, sinkers and all volunteers worked hard together to ensure the blood drive was a success. The detours of sunken cars and giant volunteer forces have kept some of the goals from being met, but were quickly dismissed as unrealistic.

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**Student Health, wrestling sponsor blood drive**

By Hilary Akers

**Many of UNCP’s students, staff and faculty rolled up their sleeves Sept. 26 to give blood to the American Red Cross. The goal of the blood drive was 165 units.**

The event was held at the Old Main Classroom Center from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and was sponsored by UNCP’s wrestling team and student health.

Among the students to give blood was Melissa Wiley, a freshman at UNCP Wade, 18, years old, said that it was "the best day of my life." The bus departed at around 9 a.m. and arrived at Bank of America Stadium an hour before game time.

In addition to a ticket for the Panthers game, Wiley said it was an "unforgettable experience." Wiley and other volunteers that can’t volunteer for Cincinnati. The Panthers fell to 0-3 to start the season.

**The weather grew darker as the party traveled farther west. A hard rain was falling by the time the bus reached Mecklenburg County. It had stopped when the group arrived in Charlotte, but began again shortly before kickoff and lingered for most of the first half.**

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