

Seven honored with Master County Clerk designation

Seven North Carolina county clerks recently received the designation of Master County Clerk, the highest certification a county clerk can achieve. Prior to receiving this designation, each clerk was required to achieve the rank of "Certified County Clerk" through the UNC School of Government and hold that designation for six years.

"Tremendous dedication is necessary to obtain designation as a Master County Clerk," said Trey Allen, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government at the UNC School of Government. "To be eligible for the MCC, a county clerk must go through the steps required to be designated as a Certified County Clerk, maintain the CCC designation for a minimum of six years, and successfully complete more than 100 hours of continuing education within a three-year period. A clerk who obtains the MCC demonstrates a strong commitment to her profession and to public service."

Each city and county in North Carolina is required to have a clerk (G.S. 160A-171 & 153A-111). The position of clerk is one of the oldest in recorded history, responsible for recording the historical business of the governing board and many other duties that keep local government meeting the daily needs of its residents. The clerks who achieved the designation were:

Carolyn Barger, Rowan County
Kimberly Hines, Pitt County
Gaynell Lee, Lee County
Paula Woodard, Johnston County

Kay Draughn, Burke County
Kathy Hughes, Buncombe County
Marcia Wilson, Wayne County