

## **New staff welcomed at Pike-Lincoln Tech Center**

For the 2011-12 school year, the faculty and staff at Pike-Lincoln Technical Center (PLTC) welcomes two new instructors and two who have taught previously at PLTC.

**Amber Elliott** joined the PLTC staff as a Practical Nursing instructor. She is a Clopton High School graduate having completed the Health Sciences and Practical Nursing programs at Pike-Lincoln Tech. Amber earned her ADN and BSN from Sanford-Brown and is nearing completion of her Master Degree in Education and Management from the University of Phoenix. She has work experience in the emergency department, OB/GYN, med/surg telemetry, geriatrics, ICU at Pike County Memorial and St. Joseph West Hospitals. Amber has earned various certifications in the areas of trauma, cardiac, pediatric and emergency care. She resides in Eolia with her husband and children.

**Mary Cahalin** started at Pike-Lincoln in Fall 2010 as a part-time instructor in our Practical Nursing program. She continues in that role as she nears completion of her BSN through Maryville University. Mary worked at DePaul Hospital after becoming an LPN and received her ASN from St. Louis Community College-Meramec in 1982. Since 1989 Mary has worked in the Intensive Care Units at various SSM Hospitals and is currently a Charge Nurse in ICU. She holds Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Trauma Nurse Core Course certification. She plans to further her education to earn her Master Degree in Education. Mary presently lives in St. Peters with plans to relocate to Lincoln County. She has three grown sons and has "filled their absence" with two Shih Tzus and a cat.

**Chris Schaeffer** recently began his formal teaching career at Pike-Lincoln Tech as the Auto Services Tech instructor. He studied two years at the Milwaukee Area Technical College in the field of auto repair. In addition, Chris has attended countless seminars and manufacturers' (GM, Chrysler, Land Rover, etc.) training sessions. His varied work experience covers virtually every aspect of auto repair from oil changer, technician, parts, service writing, and manager. Chris holds ASE Certification in Advanced Diagnostics, Master Technician, Service Writer, Parts Specialist as well as a couple for heavy-duty trucks. He resides in O'Fallon with his wife and three dogs.

**Stephanie Walker** rejoined the Pike-Lincoln staff this year as a part-time instructor in our Practical Nursing program. She received her BSN from Culver Stockton / Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing. In addition to her previous teaching experience at PLTC, Stephanie has experience in the fields of cardiology, med surg/telemetry, public health, diabetes, and chronic disease self-management. She holds certification in Basic Life Support as well as Advanced Cardiac Life Support. Stephanie lives in Bowling Green with her husband and children.

The Pike-Lincoln Tech Center staff is glad these instructors are bringing their experience and expertise to PLTC so our students gain valuable knowledge and skills.