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JACKSONVILLE•ONSWLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DUKE ENERGY NAME 2019 CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE WINNER

The Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce presented the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award to Anne Shaw Monday during the first day of National Small Business Week. Shaw is the director of Coastal Carolina Community College economic development (Small Business Center) and state director for the Small Business Center Network, North Carolina Community Colleges.

She helped establish Coastal Carolina's Small Business Center program in September of 1986. Under her leadership, Anne and Coastal's Small Business Center were recognized with the Excellent Small Business Center Award eight times since the award was established in 2000. In 2013, she received the State Director's Award and Coastal's Small Business Center was recognized with the Innovation Award for Programs and Services.

Her leadership resulted in Coastal Carolina Community College's Small Business Center being recognized with the Innovation Award for Programs and Seminars by N.C. Community College System's Small Business Center. The award follows new educational programs and seminars offered by CCC, such as the Boots to Business class.

Shaw's volunteer involvement includes serving and serving as chair for numerous civic and charitable organizations, including the Downtown Redevelopment Board, Jacksonville Lion Club and the United Way of Onslow County.

She has been recognized previously as one of the "Ten most influential women in Onslow County" and awarded with the governor's Long Leaf Pine.

Shaw dedicated her receipt of the award to God and thanked the many people who have helped her during her time at Coastal Carolina Community College, including retired president Dr. Ronald Lingle.

"Thank you for believing me, even when I was young and inexperienced and didn't believe in myself," Shaw said.

She also acknowledged current president David Heatherly and vice president Sharon McGinnis for helping her along the way; and recognized her family members in attendance, including her husband Chuck.

The Citizenship and Service Award is a tribute to individuals or groups who make a difference in their communities or places of work by using their time, talents and

compassion to positively impact the lives of others. Recipients of the award help foster a culture of citizenship and service that acts as a catalyst for others to become involved in civic and social activities. The award is designed to recognize outstanding volunteer service and civic participation.

The Citizenship and Service Award was presented to Shaw over lunch Monday at the Jacksonville Country Club.

Reminder: The Small Business of the Year winner will be announced at the annual First Citizens' Bank Small Business Week breakfast May 10 at 8 a.m.; located at Onslow Memorial Hospital.