



Meet Your Faculty Senator



Hello, I am Tracie Bates. I have been working at Northshore Technical Community College for two years now, and I absolutely love my job. Before coming to NTCC, I taught at Delgado Community College for twelve years. I also taught at Pearl River High and Fountainebleau High Schools before I became a mother to my beautiful daughter, Brittanie, who is now 19 years old. People always tell you the years fly by, but you don't realize how true that is until you blink and your little one is suddenly all grown up!

My favorite part of my job is working with my students, getting to know them and watching them achieve their dreams. It puts a smile on my face when I run into them years later and they are excited to tell me they are now a nurse, x-ray technician, etc. It feels good to know I played a small role in helping them find the right career. The students are definitely the best part of my job, but I also enjoy my subject matter. I have always been interested in math and science subjects and attended Louisiana State University for three semesters, where I tried many majors before I decided I wanted to be a high school biology teacher. I then attended Southeastern Louisiana University, where I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology Education (minoring in Mathematics). From there, I went on to the University of New Orleans where I earned my Master's of Art in Science Teaching degree, and also took an additional 18 credit hours of biology courses to meet to the requirements to teach at the college level.

At NTCC, I have been working with my awesome colleagues and at the end of last semester, we got our **STEM Club** up and going. I'm really excited about this club! The club is a student-guided club where we will go on field trips, do dissections and projects, have guest speakers, or do anything related to math or science that students are interested in doing. I am hoping the club's membership will grow quickly and we will have a fun semester. If you are interested in joining, please come see me or contact me at: traciebates@northshorecollege.edu.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my daughter, usually shopping or watching a movie; and enjoy being with my family and friends, it doesn't matter what we are doing. When I find the time, I also like to scrapbook (alone or with a scrapbooking group) and work on home improvement projects.

Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule

January 25 – 9:30am Sullivan Campus

2018-2019 Faculty Senate Dues

Remember to consider donating to the Faculty Senate dues. Faculty Senate Treasurer Dawn Brownlow sent an email with the donation form and additional details. Her email address is dawnbrownlow@northshorecollege.edu.

Give Us Your Voice!

Do you have any suggestions or ideas that can strengthen our college? Let us know about them! Talk to your campus senators or email President Karolyn Harrell at karolynharrell@northshorecollege.edu.

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Please send in pictures and anything you would like in the February Faculty Senate Post by **February 20**.