

## *Our 2008 Employee Success Story of the Year*

*Award Winner, Gena Payton . . . . .*

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“Gena is very grateful,” is the response her manager, Collin Wade, at K & W Cafeteria gives when asked what sets Gena apart from other employees. “She is always upbeat and thankful for the opportunity to work.” Work is what Gena has done for K & W since 1989 when she applied for a job after going through ECVC’s training program.

In the former location at Carolina East Mall, Gena cleaned tables and served drinks. When the company opened their new location two years ago on Arlington Blvd. West, she was given a job in the “back of the house” as the silverware wrapper. “I love my job,” says Gena. Quite often, you may see her filling in serving bread on the line or helping the dishwasher. “She has been with us for so long she can do about any job, and she is always willing to help out when needed,” offers Sheila Clemmons an assistant manager. According to Wade, Gena is a model employee. “She follows all of the policies, her uniform is always immaculate and her attitude is superb.”

Gena, who lives in Winterville with her parents, Azell and Sarah, not only loves going to work at K & W but also enjoys going to church, bible study and singing in the choir. In turn she practices what she learns. Clemmons adds “Gena is concerned about her coworkers. If she senses they have a problem, she is right there wanting to know how she can help. She is always ready to offer a prayer and a hug!” Gena’s amazing attitude and work ethic make her the perfect choice for ECVC’s Success Story of the Year Award 2008. Congratulations, Gena!

