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Transfer programs booming across North Carolina

Purple and gold may soon be popular colors among community college graduates in North Carolina.

Western Carolina University in Cullowhee and East Carolina University in Greenville both use these colors — and this spring, both universities have rolled out innovative partnerships aimed at smoothing the way for community college graduates to complete four-year degrees.

In May, Dr. John Bardo, chancellor, Western Carolina University, joined H. Martin Lancaster, president, North Carolina Community College System, at a news conference in Raleigh to announce the “Western 2Step.” It aligns course requirements at the university and all 58 community colleges across the state. The program will allow community college students who graduate with college transfer degrees — associate of arts (AA) and associate of science (AS) — to transfer as juniors in their major and to graduate in two years, having satisfied as pre-requisites as a part of their community college degree.



L to R: Dr. John Bardo, chancellor, Western Carolina University and H. Martin Lancaster, president, North Carolina Community College System, at the announcement of the university's Western 2 Step program.

In April, East Carolina University and **Wake Technical Community College** signed an agreement to help meet workforce needs, particularly in industrial and technology fields. The College of Technology and Computer Science at East Carolina has created a curriculum that allows associate of applied science (AAS) degree graduates

in 23 fields to complete a bachelor of science in industrial technology (BSIT) degree. Traditional applied associate degrees have not been transfer degrees, but credentials to prepare a student to directly enter the workforce. Wake Tech will be the first major contributing educational institution to participate in the BSIT program.

These efforts join an array of transfer agreements helping fuel significant growth in transfers across North Carolina. Transfers from the state's community colleges to University of North Carolina system campuses have increased by more than 34 percent from 2000 to 2005, according to statistics maintained by the University of North Carolina System. Transfers to private colleges and universities have increased by almost 40 percent.

According a May 6 report by Jenny Song of *The Charlotte Observer*: “The figures reflect a nationwide trend in which community colleges are becoming a popular, cheaper detour from the four-year path.”

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Dallas Herring praised in the General Assembly

On May 22, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a joint resolution in tribute to Dr. William Dallas Herring, the “father” of the North Carolina Community College System. Herring died in January at the age of 90 at his home in Duplin County.

In the North Carolina House, Representative Russell Tucker (D-Duplin) shared his memories of Herring and mentioned Herring's 20 years of service as chair of the State Board of Education, during the time of school integration. “He was the right man for the job,” said Tucker. “He was a man of education and everyone in this chamber has benefited from the

contributions of Dallas Herring.” The House passed the resolution unanimously, with Herring's two brothers and their wives observing from the House Gallery.

In the North Carolina Senate, Herring was praised for his work with community colleges. Senator Charles Albertson (D-Duplin) called Herring, “one of the greatest men I've ever known. He wasn't focused on himself, but on his fellow man. He was of the wealthiest people I have ever known but it wasn't his bank account that made him wealthy, it was his desire and ability to help everyone.” Senator A.B. Swindell talked about how Herring and

Swindell's father, Russell, worked closely together on the industrial education centers that later became community colleges. “He was a man of great vision and his idea of community colleges is now a system that is one of the best in the country,” said Swindell. “He loved three things beyond everything else, Davidson College, the Presbyterian Church and education.” The Senate also passed the resolution by a unanimous vote and gave the Herring family a standing ovation.

For more information on Dallas Herring, check the Dallas Herring memorial edition of *The Open Door* at <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Connections/index.html>

Conference highlights success of Minority Male Mentoring Initiative

More than 700 minority students, professionals and volunteers came together in April for three days of sharing, learning, networking, and inspiration. The dynamic conference focused on the theme *Men are Nurturers, Too!* The conference was a joint effort of the North Carolina Community College System and the North Carolina Fatherhood Development Advisory Council.

Three days of workshops, seminars, and major presentations offered minority men and their advocates some strategies for improving their lives and communities. The conference emphasized mentoring minority men in community colleges and reaching out to high school students with information about planning successful futures.

The conference included many workshops on various topics including education, fatherhood, child support, making the right personal choices, and managing money. A major focus was working in the community to address negative statistics relating to minority men. The first speaker of the conference offered some chilling numbers.

"There are more black men in prisons than there are in college," said Rev. Dr. Wilson Goode, North Carolina native and former Philadelphia mayor. "The incarceration rate for African-American males is seven times greater than that of whites."

In a roundtable discussion led by columnist Barry Saunders, columnist

of *The Raleigh News and Observer*, Herb Watkins, member, State Board of Community Colleges, challenged the audience.

"The question is, how bad do you really want it?" Watkins asked when the discussion turned to seeking success. "We usually find a way to get the things we really want. If you want it bad enough, you'll work hard enough." Willie Bell, mayor of Durham, Charles Meeker, mayor of Raleigh, and Steve Chalmers, Durham police chief, also attended and briefly addressed the conference.

Kenneth Gary, attorney and president and CEO of the Gary Foundation, told the audience that although he was a busy man, he made time to contribute to young people each month.

"Money is important, but kids also need our time," he said. He challenged everyone in the room to spend a minimum of ten minutes each month serving as a positive role model for a young person. "I guarantee you probably will do more," he said, "but at least promise to do that."

"Your mind is a powerful thing and it is up to you to decide how you use it," he told students at the conference. He shared information about those who have sacrificed so the black youth of today could have their freedoms.

"Don't waste your mind, time, and history," he said. "Reach for the stars,

refuse to be denied, and never, ever, do less than your best." Finally, he told the group, "have faith in God, there is power in His presence."

Gary ended his presentation by offering the students in the audience a chance to compete for two \$2500 scholarships from the Gary Foundation. The foundation will work with the North Carolina Community College System to determine selection criteria, which will include enrollment in college in fall 2007 and submission of an essay.

The Minority Male Mentoring Initiative began more than four years ago with a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission for five community colleges: **Durham Technical Community College, Mitchell Community College, Piedmont Community College, Southeastern Community College and Wayne Community College**. Since then, several other community colleges have started similar programs including **Carteret Community College, Edgecombe Community College, Guilford Technical Community College, James Sprunt Community College and Wake Technical Community College**.

The expansion budget request for the North Carolina Community College System includes \$630,000 in new funds for Minority Male Mentoring.

U.S. Senate creates bipartisan caucus on community college issues

In May, U.S. Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) announced that the U.S. Senate has formed a Congressional Community College Caucus to raise awareness and advance policy for community colleges across the nation.

Burr is the co-chair of the caucus with U.S. Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE). At press time caucus members included U.S. Senators Elizabeth Dole (R-NC); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD);

Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Richard Durbin (D-IL).

"Community colleges provide America's students with the training and knowledge to serve our local communities and help drive our economy," said Nelson. "It only makes sense for Congress to look out for the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education in the nation."

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Since 1997, the North Carolina Community College System and the 16-campus University of North Carolina System have operated under a comprehensive articulation agreement which identifies a set of core general education courses and guarantees that a community college student who graduates with an AA or AS will, once admitted to a UNC institution, enter as a junior, but not necessarily in the student's major. Often there are several prerequisite courses which must be completed before students can begin their majors. Twenty-three of the state's independent colleges and universities have endorsed the agreement. The Transfer Advisory Committee, which oversees the agreement, has also developed guidelines for associate in fine arts (AFA) transfers and some "pre-major" agreements for specific disciplines.

Several institutions have taken transfer to the next step, addressing specific workforce needs with "two-plus-two" programs to bring university degrees to community college campuses. Among the largest such partnerships are teacher preparation programs, including pioneering efforts between **Coastal Carolina Community College** and UNC-Wilmington; Wachovia Partnership East centered at ECU; and the Appalachian Learning Alliance run by Appalachian State University; and Lees-Mcrae College at **Surry Community College**.

Most community college students do not, however, enroll in AA and AS programs intended for transfer. They choose technical and applied science degrees in fields as varied as nursing, construction management, and computers. Later, many decide to



L to R: Dr. Stephen Scott, president, Wake Technical Community College, shakes hands with Dr. Ralph Rogers, dean, College of Technology and Computer Science, East Carolina University.

pursue four-year degrees. Although AAS degrees are not included in the comprehensive articulation agreement, they are addressed in individual agreements between specific community colleges and four-year institutions — "bilateral" agreements.

An inventory done by the Transfer Advisory Committee in early 2007 counts more than 1,100 bilateral agreements involving every one of the 58 comprehensive colleges and 13 institutions of The University of North Carolina. By far the longest list belongs to UNC-Greensboro, which has agreements with community colleges all over the state in business administration, nursing, early childhood, information technology, criminal justice and much more. A number of private institutions also have bilateral agreements with community colleges.

The new partnership between Wake Tech and ECU builds on the "bilateral" relationship, with the added benefit that five of the seven available concentrations are offered online.

"This agreement is nothing short of revolutionary in that it lifts long-standing constraints on those with

two-year technical degrees," said Dr. Stephen Scott, president of Wake Tech.

"North Carolina must be capable of competing in a global economy," said Dr. Ralph Rogers, dean of ECU's College of Technology and Computer Science. "The BSIT program creates a pathway to cultivate a strong technology based workforce, through life long learning opportunities."

Bardo is similarly enthusiastic about the "Western 2Step."

"This is the first time any university has matched all of its degree requirements with the community college system's master course catalog. We are making it clear that Western welcomes students who have earned their associate degrees and want to pursue a four-year degree without wasted time and money."

Bardo also pledged guaranteed admission to every North Carolina community college graduate who completes an AA or AS degree.

Lancaster applauded Western Carolina's program. "Western's willingness to match every freshman and sophomore requirement for every discipline with existing community college courses is an incredible statement of just how much Western wants the chance to enroll community college graduates. It makes sense for the students, who will have, in advance, all the information they need to finish on time. It makes sense for WCU, which will have mature, motivated students ready to succeed. And it absolutely makes sense for our state, which must have more people with undergraduate and graduate degrees to stay ahead in today's knowledge-based global economy."

This story includes information from Laurie Clowers, director of public relations, Wake Technical Community College; Leila Tvedt, associate vice chancellor for public relations at Western Carolina University; and The Charlotte Observer.

For details of the comprehensive articulation agreement, log on to <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Articulation/ComprehensiveArticulationAgreement.htm>

To learn more about the agreement between East Carolina University and Wake Technical Community College, log on to www.ecu.edu or www.waketech.edu.

For more information about the Western 2Step, contact Alan Kines, WCU director of admissions, at (828) 227-7317, <http://www.wcu.edu/15.asp>

Ella Fitzgerald stamp dedicated at Halifax Community College



Dr. Ervin Griffin Sr., president, Halifax Community College with Toni Agner, postmaster, Roanoke Rapids and the Ella Fitzgerald commemorative stamp. The ceremony was held as part of the college's Black History Month celebration. The stamp was originally dedicated at a ceremony at the Lincoln Center in New York in January.

GSK Teaching Scholars say thanks

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Teaching Scholars were guests of the North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation at a dinner held in their honor.

Several years ago, H. Martin Lancaster, president, North Carolina Community College System, began pushing his “homegrown teachers” philosophy. “If education students could easily pursue their teaching credentials at a local community college, there is a greater chance that they would also teach locally,” said Lancaster. The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation supported the idea with a \$1 million challenge grant.

With matching funds from the North Carolina General Assembly, \$2 million created a scholarship corpus that led to the first group of 10 teachers each being awarded up to \$10,000 over two years. Six of those scholarship recipients attended the dinner. Also attending were Dr. Charles Sanders, NCGSK, North Carolina Representative Joe Tolson (D-Edgecombe), Lancaster, and Dr. Linwood Powell, member of the State Board of Community Colleges.

Wendi Gentry plans to transfer to North Carolina Central University after her May graduation from **Piedmont Community College**. She has been a preschool director for more than 10 years, but has always wanted to be a public school teacher. She told Sanders and Tolson that her \$5,000 scholarship would help her achieve her dream to impact young lives.

“The greatest gift we can give a child is an education foundation,” said



The Glaxo SmithKline Teaching Scholars pose for a photo with President Lancaster at a luncheon in March. Front row: Wendi W. Gentry, H. Martin Lancaster, Judy Mae Oglesby. Back row: Britt Overby, Deborah Lee Triplett, Teresa Watson, and Brian Albrecht.

Gentry. “We also have to let them know we will always care, even when they make mistakes.”

Brian Albrecht is another student who attended. After graduating from **Guilford Technical Community College**, he plans to transfer to Winston-Salem State University. His goal is to be an elementary school teacher.

“Each child that passes through your classroom takes something away for use later in life,” said Albrecht. He said he wants to give students that strong education foundation that will carry them on to great things.

Powell told the students that he and they had something in common. He told them how the GI Bill provided education financial assistance to military veterans and enabled him to attend college.

“It’s what you do with the help you get that makes the difference,” he said.

He told the students that based on what he had heard from them, they are on their way to “making a big difference in lots of young folks’ lives.”

In addition to Gibson and Albrecht, the other GSK Scholars are: **Betty Bayjden, Coastal Carolina Community College; Sarah E. Carelock, Stanly Community College; Cathryn Hughes, Mayland Community College; Judy Mae Oglesby, Halifax Community College; Britt Overby, Vance-Granville Community College; Deborah Lee Triplett, Western Piedmont Community College; Teresa Watson, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute; and Alison York, Rockingham Community College.**

Partnerships between community colleges and public and private colleges and universities enable prospective teachers the opportunity to earn both an associate and the baccalaureate degree needed for teacher certification on their local community college campuses. Many of these individuals would otherwise be unable to travel to a four-year institution to pursue their education. These programs combine the best of classroom instruction and distance learning.

The next round of GSK Teaching Scholarships will be awarded later this summer. For more information about the application process, interested students should contact Monty Hickman at the System Office: hichmanm@ncccommunitycolleges.edu or their college financial aid officer.

Lancaster joins panel on campus security

From news reports

H. Martin Lancaster, president, North Carolina Community College System, is helping to establish a task force on campus security, an initiative of Attorney General Roy Cooper.

In the wake of the April 16 tragedy at Virginia Tech, Cooper has set up the task force to evaluate security on the campuses of the state’s 58 community colleges, 16 public universities as well as the 37 private universities and colleges.

Cooper announced the task force at a press conference on April 19. Appearing with Cooper and Lancaster were Erskine Bowles, president, University of North Carolina System and Dr. Hope Williams, president, North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

Representing the community colleges on the task force are Bently Pagura, member, State Board of Community Colleges and a student at **Alamance**

Community College; Juleigh Sitton, trustee at Western Piedmont Community College; Bob Ervin, staff member, Fayetteville Technical Community College; Dr. Lawrence Rouse, president, James Sprunt Community College and Scott Bullard, director of emergency services, System Office.

For more information on the campus security task force, contact the Attorney General’s Office at 919-716-6400.

Community College News

In July, two community colleges will have new presidents. **Dr. Kay Albertson** becomes the president of **Wayne Community College** following the retirement of Dr. Ed Wilson.

Albertson, the college's vice president for academic affairs and student services since 2005, is a graduate of Longwood College in Virginia. She

earned a master's degree and a doctoral degree in early childhood education from the University of Virginia. Albertson participated in the 2003 Future Presidents Institute as a Dallas Herring Fellow. Also in July, **Dr. Myra Johnson** becomes the president of **Isothermal Community College** following the retirement of Dr. Willard Lewis.

Johnson, the college's vice president of academic and student affairs, is a native of Shelby. She earned her bachelor's degree and master's degree in business

administration from Western Carolina University. She later earned her doctorate of education at Appalachian State University. Johnson is a previous recipient of the North Carolina Community College System Excellence in Teaching Award...Earlier this year, the **Durham Technical Community College** Transfer Center officially opened its doors. The center will serve as a resource to students from all programs of study at the college as well as faculty and staff who have questions about transferring to other colleges and universities... **Vance-Granville Community College** received the 2007 national award for education at the Defendant/Offender Workforce Development Conference held in Charlotte in March. The award is sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, National Institute of Corrections, the National Career Development Association, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and United



Albertson



Johnson

States Probation Offices. The college received the award for its distance education program for inmates... In April, the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations awarded **Haywood Community College** a bronze Paragon Award for a poster designed to promote the college's natural resources program. The poster, created by **Debra Davis**, coordinator for marketing and design, was mailed to guidance counselors across the state and distributed at college recruitment events... In March, **Wake Technical Community College** was named the winner of the North Carolina Utility Savings Initiative Community College Partner Award. The award, presented by the North Carolina Energy Office, honored the college for its commitment to helping the state achieve its sustainability goals. The college has adjusted the temperature settings and upgraded the lighting in all buildings as well as replacing drink machines with more energy efficient machines... **Philip Marshall**, SGA president, **Wilkes Community College**, received the Daryl Mitchell Award for Outstanding Students at the spring conference for North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA). This award is presented to students who have done outstanding jobs serving their communities and local community colleges... Two community college faculty members from North Carolina have contributed to a recently published book called "Ethical Leadership in the Community College: Bridging Theory

and Daily Practice." **Sherry Stewart**, associate dean, **Piedmont Community College**, wrote a section called "Transformational Leadership and Ethical Dilemmas." Also contributing to the book was **Beth Richardson-Mitchell**, communications instructor, **Mayland Community College**. Mitchell wrote a section called "Ethical Leadership: A Faculty Obligation."... **Randolph Community College** received a \$25,000 grant from the Energizer Trust Fund to support scholarships for the college's career readiness certification (CRC) testing program. The program documents test results in skill areas identified as essential by most employers... In April, **Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College** opened its new emergency services academy. The academy combines four existing departments within the allied health and public services division: emergency medical service, fire protection technology, basic law enforcement training and criminal justice technology. **Skye Myrick**, the former occupational and public service training director, is the director of the academy... **Rowan-Cabarrus Community College** has received a \$35,000 grant from the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation. The grant will be used to provide full-time scholarships to students with financial need... **Laura Clark**, nursing instructor, **Edgecombe Community College**, was named an item writer by the National Council for the State Board of Nursing in April. Writers will be training to develop items for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam for registered nurses. Clark had her first meeting with this group in Chicago in May... **Irene Schindler**, a student in the professional crafts: jewelry program at **College of The Albemarle**, won best in show in May at the Molly Fearing Show held in Manteo. The award was for her jeweled enameled piece entitled "Carnivorous Plants: The Other Venus." Schindler has another jewelry piece accepted into a national competition at the Artisans Center of Virginia through June 27... In May, **Bob Ervin**, associate vice president for learning technologies, **Fayetteville Technical Community College**, was recognized as the distinguished award winner by the North Carolina Distance Learning Association (NCDLA).



Vance-Granville Community College recently received a national award for its educational programs for inmates. L to R: **Ken Lewis**, vice president for information technology, **Marsha Nelson**, vice president for instruction, **Philip White**, director of prison programs, **Randy Parker**, president, **Donald Seifert Sr.**, trustee chair and **Sara Wester**, chair of the trustee's curriculum committee.

Campus Highlights

Bladen Community College Dublin, North Carolina

- ◆ Plans are underway for a huge celebration on October 5 for the college's 40th anniversary.
- ◆ A groundbreaking ceremony for the new student resource center will be held later this year. The 15,500-square-foot facility will include a library, student lounge, coffee shop, offices and classrooms.
- ◆ This summer, construction is expected to begin on an upgrade of the college's shop facilities. The upgrade is the result of a \$1 million grant to the college to train industrial systems technology students for work in a biotechnology environment.

Fayetteville Technical Community College Fayetteville, North Carolina

- ◆ In May, the Fayetteville Cumberland Educational TV Channel (FCETV) was launched. The college is a partner in the channel with Time Warner Cable, Cumberland County, the city of Fayetteville, Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Bases. The college, Fayetteville State University, Fort Bragg Schools and Cumberland County Schools will provide educational content for FCETV.
- ◆ Two students from Southview High School who attend the college's Huskins Academy of Public Safety and Security came in first and second in the North Carolina Skills USA State Competition in Greensboro in April. Mary Erickson won first place and will go to the national competition in June in Kansas City, Missouri. Christopher Wade came in second place.

Forsyth Technical Community College Winston-Salem, North Carolina

- ◆ In November, the voters of Forsyth County passed a \$25 million local bond referendum for the college. The money will be used for a variety of buildings including a 100,000-square-foot building for the automo-

tive technology programs; the expansion of two of the college's satellite campuses; and a classroom building in Stokes County.

- ◆ In September, Dr. Gary Green, college president, participated as a member of the United State delegation to the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation conference entitled, "Strategies for Workforce Development." The U.S. Department of Labor hosted the conference in cooperation with the government of Vietnam.
- ◆ The Wachovia Foundation has given \$500,000 to the college to support the nanotechnology degree program. The funds will be used to create the Wachovia Nanotechnology Center, an atomic-force microscopy laboratory in the college's 55,000-square-foot facility in the Piedmont Triad Research Park in Winston-Salem.

Randolph Community College Asheboro, North Carolina

- ◆ Michael Traister, a 1991 graduate of the college's photographic technology program, recently won best in show in the inaugural Southeastern Photography Triennial (SPoT), a juried photography exhibition open to artists throughout the southeast. Traister won a \$3,000 cash award. His work will be exhibited August 23-October 7 at the Gallery of Art and Design in the Talley Student Center on the North Carolina State University campus in Raleigh.
- ◆ Tarha Khan of Asheboro, a student in associate in arts (college transfer) program, took second place in the English Speaking Union speech contest in Southern Pines in March. Jennifer Hardin, also from Asheboro, competed in the contest.
- ◆ In March, two graduates of the college's photographic technology program were featured on the premiere issue of *North Carolina Signature* magazine. Sara Brennan-Harrell and Melanie Litchfield, co-owners of Whitebox Weddings, a photography business, were included on the cover to help illustrate a feature story on innovative female entrepreneurs. *Our State* magazine publishes *North Carolina Signature*.

- ◆ Another graduate of the college's photographic technology program was the subject of a feature story in *Canadian Home and Country* magazine. Stacey Haines, a native of Nova Scotia, travels extensively for her photography business and has a studio in Greensboro. The magazine featured stories on Southern antiques and flea markets.

Rockingham Community College Wentworth, North Carolina

- ◆ The college foundation held its annual student essay contest in April. Balil Bajwa, an immigrant from Iraq and resident of Eden came in first place with an essay on his experiences moving to Rockingham County from Baghdad. Second place winner was James Van Eerden of Stokesdale and Kristen Merritt of Eden was the third place winner.
- ◆ The college is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. One of the celebrations was a concert in May on campus by the O'Kaysions, who performed their 1968 hit "Girl Watcher."

Southwestern Community College Sylva, North Carolina

- ◆ Deanne Oppermann, chemistry instructor, has been selected to participate in the annual Advanced Technology Environmental Education Center (ATEEC) Fellows Institute in Fairbanks, Alaska in June. The University of Northern Iowa hosts the institute each summer. This year's theme is fossil fuels.
- ◆ The college signed an information technology articulation agreement with East Carolina University. The agreement allows students in one of three information technology degree programs to complete their degree at the college, with two to three additional classes, and transfer as a junior into the department of technology systems at East Carolina.

Campus Highlights continued

Students will be able to complete their two years at East Carolina. The programs that will transfer to East Carolina University are computer information technology, networking technology and web technology.

Wayne Community College Goldsboro, North Carolina

- ◆ The college is celebrating its 50th anniversary during 2007.
- ◆ In April, the State Board of Community College met at Wayne's campus for its monthly board meeting.
- ◆ The late Ann Erwin Spicer was selected as the Outstanding Developmental Education of the Year by the North Carolina Association for Developmental Education. Spicer taught English at the college until her death in January 2007.
- ◆ Janice Fields, a counselor in the college's student development department, was named the first recipient of the Counselor's Division Award for Professional Excellence. The North Carolina Community College Student Development Personnel Association presented the award.
- ◆ Tara Humphries, college public information officer, was twice honored last fall for her volunteer

service. She received the Carolyn and Richter Moore Citizen Award from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Association and was named one of the five outstanding volunteers in Wayne County for 2006.

Western Piedmont Community College Morganton, North Carolina

- ◆ The college received a "Community Colleges Broadening Horizons through Service Learning" grant sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges. This grant will enable Western Piedmont to promote service learning and civic engagement in the community.
- ◆ The college dedicated the Raymond B. Goodfellow Art Gallery in April in memory of the past vice president for academic affairs who died in November. A college employee for more than 25 years, Goodfellow mentored and inspired many artists and educators throughout the community, including several instructors at the college. The gallery will be used to display student and employee work.
- ◆ A groundbreaking ceremony was held in November for the new health sciences building. Construction should be complete for classes in August. The \$3.8 million dollar project, funded by the 2000 Higher Education Bond Referendum, will

provide new classrooms, laboratories, and offices for the college's healthcare programs such as nursing, medical assisting, and medical laboratory technology.

Wilkes Community College Wilkesboro, North Carolina

- ◆ The college celebrated the completion of the \$9.5 million Next Step Campaign Phase One and dedication of the new science and technology building, Lowe's Hall, on March 29. The 35,000 square foot Lowe's Hall fulfilled the need for instructional space including new biology, chemistry, physics labs, and cyber classrooms.
- ◆ Ronald Dollyhite, lead horticulture instructor, received honored with the Kim Powell Friend of the Industry Award in recognition of many years of outstanding support to the landscape industry and involvement with the North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association.
- ◆ "B" Townes, vice president of development, Sherry Dancy, director of marketing and Chad Treadway, graphic designer/marketing specialist, accepted the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations' Bronze Paragon Award in the category of promotional campaigns for promotional materials for MerleFest 2006.

Vance-Granville graduate gets summer state internship

Dana Nicole Allen of Creedmoor, a graduate of Vance-Granville Community College student, has been selected for a summer internship through the North Carolina State Government Internship Program.

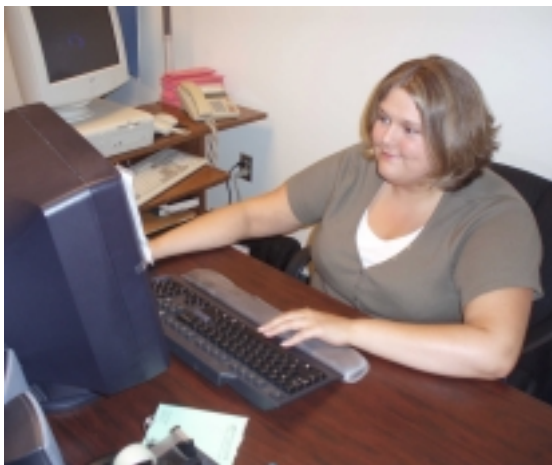
Allen, who graduated May 17 with an associate's degree in business administration, will work in the tourism, film and sports development division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

More than 470 college students across North Carolina applied for the program and only 100 received internships.

Allen will attend North Carolina State University this fall to pursue a bachelor's degree. She is also a part-time open lab technician at the Franklin County campus of Vance-Granville. When not in class or working at the Louisburg campus, Allen works at her family's convenience store. She has a 3.9 grade point

average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

The Raleigh internship starts May 29 and ends August 3. "I am so happy and excited!" Allen said. "This is such a great opportunity for me, and I hope I can do Vance-Granville and the business technologies program proud. Tourism is such a growing industry, and I will be exploring new fields of interest for myself."



Allen is one of 100 college students across the state who will participate in the state government's internship program.

To be eligible to apply for the internship program, students must have completed their first year of classes, and must be attending college the next fall semester. Eligible applicants for fall, spring, and summer internships

can check out upcoming projects by visiting www.ncyaio.com and clicking on "internships" or call the state internship office at 919-733-9296.

More Community College News

Wake Technical Community College and *Business Leader* magazine sponsored the first annual Business Champions Awards in April. The awards recognized 26 local companies that have shown a commitment to workforce development. Credit Suisse was named Business Champion of the Year for adding 260 new jobs and implementing an eight-week training program for its employees. The other 25 companies honored were AICPA, Exhibit Resources, Senn Dunn, The Castleton Group, Trisure Corporation, American Research Institute, ATCOM, BJAC, Destineer, Epic Games, SciQuest, Catalyst Manufacturing, Construct, Inc., Lord Corporation, New Phoenix Aerospace, Smith Seal, US Falcon, Inc., Biolex, Glaxo SmithKline, Iatria Spa and Health Center, Inc Research, Metrics, Inc., Rex Healthcare, Talecris Biotherapeutics, WakeMed Health and Hospitals...The hot food team of

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College won a gold medal and first place in the American Culinary Federation's student team southeast regional competition in Nashville, Tennessee in May for the second year in a row. The menu included pan seared striped bass with sweet

pea sauce and black-eyed pea terrine, frisee salad with pickled beet, sweet potato Napoleon and mustard cream vinaigrette, Supreme de Volaille a l'Ecarlate with sautéed broccoli rabe and glazed butternut squash, and vanilla cream on spice cookie and fruit compote served with apricot sauce and spun caramel. Team members are **Jason Huang**, captain, **Daniel Gorman**, **Chambli Stuber**, **Michelle Bailey** and **Matt Gruber**. **Kim Aasland** is the team alternate. The coaches are **Bronwen McCormick**, culinary lab manager and instructor, **Charles deVries** and **John Hofland**, hospitality education instructors...**Dr. Bill Carver**, president, **Nash Community College**, received his doctorate in

education from Nova Southeastern University last August...In May, **Dawnielle Laakso**, a second year radiography student at **Carteret Community College** won an honorable mention prize for an informational display and presentation on colon pathology for the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists. The display was part of the society's annual conference in Durham...**Michael Lambert**, a welding student at **Tri-County Community College** won first place in the welding competition at the SkillsUSA North Carolina state conference held in April in Greensboro. At the same conference, three cosmetology students at **Rowan-Cabarrus Community College** earned first place scores. **Justin McManus** of Salisbury placed first in the post-secondary cosmetology competition. **Lucie Esquivel** of Concord and a senior at Northwest Cabarrus High School, placed first in the secondary



A-B Tech's hot food team won the American Culinary Federation's southeast regional competition for the second year in a row. Members are from left. Chambli Stuber, Daniel Gorman, Matt Gruber, Michelle Bailey, and Jason Huang.

Esquivel and Edwards will compete in Kansas City in the national competition in June...**Becky McCoy** of Roanoke Rapids, an advertising and graphic design student at **Halifax Community College**, has created the college's 40th anniversary logo. McCoy is a graphic designer at the *Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald*...Blue Ridge Paper Products donated \$5,000 to **Haywood Community College** for the purchase of a midget paper machine to be used in the pulp and paper technology program...In March, **Gloria Cheatham** of Sanford, received the North Carolina Educational Office Professional of the Year Award from the North Carolina Association of Educational Office Profes-

sionals. Cheatham is the administrative assistant to **Dr. Matt Garrett**, president, **Central Carolina Community College**...**Rockingham Community College** dedicated its new baseball field in April...**Pitt Community College** dedicated its new Lewis Fieldhouse at the Minges-Overton Baseball Field, also in April...**Dr. Bob Shackelford**, president, **Randolph Community College** and also a military chaplain, spoke at a prayer breakfast for two slain Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers in April. Sean Clark, 34, and Jeff Shelton, 35, were killed in late March...**Central Piedmont Community College** dedicated the Piedmont Natural Gas Hydronics Lab in March at the college's Harper campus. The dedication is a result of a gift made by Piedmont Natural Gas to the college's heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration program...In May, **South Piedmont Community College** dedicated the Anne Covington Wing in honor of long time college trustee Anne Covington Leary. The college also held a grand opening ceremony for the New Ventures Artisan and Business Center, the first business incubator in Anson County. The 8,100-square-foot facility is located inside the Covington Wing of the Lockhart-Taylor Center on the main campus...Students in the **Central Carolina Community College** chapter of Phi Beta Lambda brought home awards from the state leadership conference held in Charlotte in April. **Colby Miller** placed second in sales presentations and will go on to national competition in Chicago. **Chris West** placed fourth in international business. The team of **Medina Getter-Apkins**, **Garrott Harris** and **Wesley Hearn** won fourth place in management concepts. Hearn also placed fourth in telecommunications. **Cherokee Bailey**, placed fifth in public speaking...In April, the **Johnston Community College** Foundation honored **M.W. "Mokie" and Betsy Stancil** of Smithfield as its distinguished citizens of 2007. Mokie Stancil is a former college trustee. The couple have been involved in numerous local charities including Meals on Wheels and the Smithfield Area Ministries Food Closet...**Chazz Clevinger**, a student at **Cape Fear Community College**, received the Distinguished Chapter Officer Award at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Nashville in April.

nails event. **Felisha Edwards** of Mount Pleasant and a junior at Mount Pleasant High School also placed first by serving as Esquivel's nail model. Lambert, McManus,