



**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
*H. Martin Lancaster, President*

January 9, 2007

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Community College Presidents

**FROM:** Robert Witchger, Associate Director, College Tech Prep, NCCCS  
Elizabeth Brown, Director, Federal Vocational Education, NCCCS  
Ted Summey, Section Chief, NCDPI  
Carolyn White, Learn and Earn, NCDPI

**SUBJECT:** NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE TECH PREP 2007 CONFERENCE  
**College Tech Prep**  
**CONNECTIONS 2007**  
**Trends and Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**CTP Conference** It's time to make plans to attend the 2007 College Tech Prep Annual Conference. This conference is a valuable asset for participants who wish to advance their efforts to provide more rigorous, relevant, and innovative Career Technical Education initiatives through College Tech Prep and is designed to have broad appeal to a diverse audience. We trust your high school, community college, and business partnership will be well represented at this event. The North Carolina College Tech Prep Conference is a joint effort of the State Board of Education, the Department of Public Instruction, the Community College System and the North Carolina New Schools Project (Gates Foundation Initiative.) This years conference includes special pre-conference work sessions: *Future Focused Leadership, Vocational Directors Update, and Serving Special Populations.*

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**Dates and Location** March 5-7, 2007  
Sheraton Hotel at Four Seasons, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC

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**Strands** The following conference strands are planned:

- High School and Community College
- Academies and Academics
- Counseling and Student Success
- Leadership in Partnership
- Education through Employment

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**Target Audience** The program is designed to meet the needs of multiple Secondary and Postsecondary College Tech providers:

- Business/Industry Partners
- Community College Presidents/School Superintendents
- Deans/Principals
- Community College Counseling and Student Services Staff
- School Counselors and Career Development Coordinators
- Special Populations Coordinators
- Faculty/Teachers—Mathematics, Science, Communication Skills and Career-Technical Education, Interdisciplinary teaching teams
- Career-Technical Education Administrators

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**Pre-conference** Gary Marx will facilitate a workshop, Future Focused Leadership: the art of adapting the organization to the needs of the community and the community to the needs of the organization. The workshop will be held Monday, March 5, 12pm – 4pm. There will be a \$60 fee per person for this workshop. It includes the workshop, lunch and a book. This is in addition to the regular conference rate.

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**Conference Registration** Registration forms and the fee of \$145 per person should be mailed to:  
NCDPI-Cash Collection  
2007 CTP Annual Conference  
6336 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-6336  
Cash Collections must receive the early registration fee on or before February 15, 2007.

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**Late and Onsite Fee** Registrations received after February 15, 2007, and onsite registration will be \$175 per person.

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**Hotel Reservations** A block of rooms is being held at the Sheraton Hotel at Four Seasons, Joseph Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC. A rate of \$111.00 plus tax for a single or double room is being offered for conference participants who make reservations on or before February 17, 2007. Make your reservation online at <http://www.sheratongreensboro.com>. Select Make Reservations, then scroll down and select Groups. Type CTC19A in the space provided for Attendee Code and follow the instructions provided to complete your reservation. You will receive an email confirmation of your reservation. You can also make hotel reservations by calling 1-800-242-6556 and asking for the College Tech Prep Conference reservation. Reservations made after February 17, 2007 are subject to availability of rooms and/or a higher rate.

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**Additional Information** For more information concerning the conference contact:

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**Tentative Agenda** A tentative agenda for the conference is attached and online at [www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Tech\\_Prep/index.html](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Tech_Prep/index.html). A final agenda will be posted online on February 15.

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Attachment

c: Chief Academic Officers  
Student Service Officers  
College Tech Prep Contacts and Business Partners

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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### Monday, March 5, 2007

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Activities:

#### **I. Future Focused Leadership**

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Keynote

1:00-5:00 Workshop includes copy of FUTURE FOCUSED LEADERSHIP:  
Preparing education, students, and communities for tomorrows realities

(An additional \$60.00 fee will be charged for this workshop)

#### **II. Secondary Vocational Directors Update**

Special flyer to follow

#### **III. Servicing Special Populations**

Special flyer to follow

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Conference Registration Opens  
Conference Exhibits Open

### Tuesday, March 6, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Conference Registration Opens

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Conference Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Opening Luncheon  
Keynote Speaker: Gary Marx

2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

College Tech Prep Networking Reception

### Wednesday, March 7, 2007

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Grimsley-James-Stogner Awards Breakfast  
CTP Graduate Panel

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

**2007 College Tech Prep Annual Conference**  
**March 5-7, 2007**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration is \$145 before February 15. The cost after February 15, and onsite registration, will be \$175. The "Future Focused Leadership" session with Gary Marx is an additional fee of \$60. Please complete a separate registration form for each participant. Make additional copies of this form if needed. All registrations must be accompanied by payment and mailed to the address at the bottom of this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School or  
College \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE**

- \$145 Conference registration
- \$60 "Future Focused Leadership" Pre-Conference Session

**TOTAL FEES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special needs**

- Interpreter
- Sign language
- Cued speech
- Other special needs

Mail this form and payment of \$145(before February 15, 2007) to:  
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