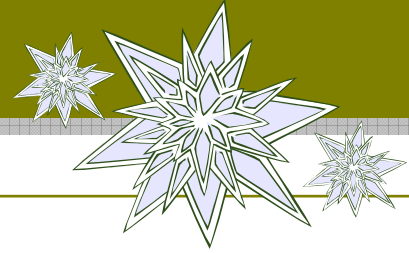


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Director's Letter

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On behalf of the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), we are excited to provide you with our **Winter Edition** of the Student Development Services Newsletter. I hope each of you has begun the 2008 Spring Semester and the new year with a great start.

As we begin the 2008 Spring Semester, we plan to keep you updated with the news and training opportunities as they relate to the Student Services areas within our system. We welcome **Van C. Wilson** to the System Office, as the Associate Vice President of Academic and Student Services. Van comes to the System Office from Forsyth Technical Community College where he served as Vice President for Student Services. Van fills the position formerly held by Ken Whitehurst.

We would also like to welcome and congratulate the new Student Development Administrators who joined the colleges during the 2007/08 academic year. On November 28 & 29, 2007, we conducted an orientation program for Chief Academic and Student Development Administrators here at the System Office. Approximately thirteen *new* Student Development Administrators attended the program.

Our newsletter will provide you with news and updates regarding upcoming events in the Student Development Services areas in which we provide oversight. We encourage each of you to participate in the conferences and trainings which we offer. Presentations from conferences and workshops will be posted on the North Carolina Community College System website if you are unable to attend a particular event. Please visit our website at http://www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/Stu_Dev_Services/StudentDevPersonnel.htm. As you develop your training needs within your institutions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Should you have information to share with other colleges, send your announcements to be included in future newsletters. Please forward articles and/or announcements to Karen Yerby by the first of each month. You may contact Karen via e-mail at yerbyk@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.

In closing, I welcome the many opportunities we have to serve you. The staff and I wish you the best during this semester. We continue to look forward to serving the needs of your institutions and students.

Please Note... The Call for Proposals deadline for the October System Conference has been extended until March 7, 2008. Information can be accessed at <http://www.continuingeducation.ncsu.edu/ncccs.htm>

Joint High School Partnership Programs

Cooperative Innovative High School Programs

- The Innovative Education Initiatives Act and the Cooperative Innovative High School Programs statute were passed by the General Assembly in 2003 and revised in 2005.
- These statutes encourage high schools to be innovative and participate in reform activities.
- Local School Administrative Unit (LSAU) are encouraged to partner with their local postsecondary educational institution(s) to establish either a high school program that would target students who are at risk of dropping out of high school before attaining a diploma, or a program that would offer accelerated learning opportunities.

Learn and Earn ~ Early/Middle College High Schools

Clarifying terms... Early College ~ versus ~ Middle Colleges	
Early Colleges are...	Middle Colleges are...
SMALL	SMALL
AUTONOMOUS	AUTONOMOUS
Begin at 9 th Grade	Begin in the 11 th or 12 th Grade
Complete two year degree and high school diploma	Complete some college credits and high school diploma
<i>Both Early and Middle College High Schools are located on a Community College or University Campus;</i>	

Huskins Dual Enrollment

The purpose of the Huskins Bill cooperative program, called the Huskins Program, is to make available to high school students college level courses not otherwise available to them and to effect an uninterrupted education flow from the high school into the community college or four-year college or university.

Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment also known as “dual credit,” or “concurrent enrollment,” refers to the participation in college-level courses and the earning of college credits by high school students. Dual enrollment is viewed as providing high school students benefits such as greater access to a wider range of rigorous academic and technical courses.

Learn and Earn Online

Thanks to the leadership of Gov. Mike Easley and the NC General Assembly, North Carolina public high school students can earn college credits through a special Learn & Earn Online initiative beginning in the 2007-08 school year. Qualified students in participating public high schools can take a variety of online college-credit courses at no cost to them or to their families.

For additional information on these programs, contact Antonio Jordan, Director, Joint High School Partnership Programs, at jordana@ncccommunitycolleges.edu or 919-807-7133.

Upcoming Events

- **SLI Spring Mini-Session** – Feb. 29-March 1, Marriott-Crabtree, Raleigh
- **College Tech Prep Conference** – March 3-5, Koury Center, Greensboro
- **Joint Deans Meeting** – March 5-7, Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville
- **N4CSGA** – March 28-30, Sheraton Imperial, RTP
- **N3CSDPA Counselor's Conference** – March 31 – April 2, Marriott-Crabtree, Raleigh
- **Minority Male Mentoring Conference** – April 7-9, Sheraton Imperial, RTP
- **Academic Excellence Award Luncheon** – April 16, North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh
- **Student Engagement and Retention Workshop** – June 19, Cape Fear CC, Wilmington
- **2008 System Conference** – Oct. 12-14, Raleigh Convention Center

Statewide Placement Testing Committee Meeting

The Statewide Placement Testing Committee met on February 21, 2008. This committee will meet at the Administration building in Raleigh to discuss the next Placement Testing Validation Study to begin in 2009/10. Committee members will meet with Publishers from ACT, College Board, and System Office Technology staff to determine the process and time table for the next validation study. Brad Bostian of Central Piedmont Community College serves as Chairperson of the Placement Testing Committee. Daniel Alvarado, Director of Counseling, Vance Granville Community College has recently replaced Kimberly Williamson as the Student Development Personnel representative on the committee.

"At the desk where I sit, I have learned one great truth. The answer for all our national problems - the answer for all the problems of the world - come to a single word. That word is "education."

Lyndon B. Johnson

New At NC-ACCESS

Coming soon to www.NC-ACCESS.info.....

- **Registration and Advising Survey Results** - This fall 51 people representing 31 colleges responded to our survey on Registration and Advising. Results of the survey show that long lines, cumbersome processes, lack of campus communication, unfriendly procedures, too few counselors and advisors, are just some of the challenges facing the registration and advising processes on our campuses.
- **AccessLine** – This brand new newsletter highlighting new links, best practices, website content, and other information will be available soon through e-mail and on the NC-ACCESS website.

New Associate Vice President

We are pleased to announce the association of **Van C. Wilson as Associate Vice President, Academic and Student Development Services**. Prior to joining our staff, Mr. Wilson served as the Vice President for Student Development Services at Forsyth Technical Community College. For over two decades he has served as a college administrator in both the university and community college systems of North Carolina. His past responsibilities include the implementation of an institution wide student information system, college enrollment planning, and both the creation and implementation of a university mentoring program for African-American students. Prior to assuming his role at Forsyth Technical Community College, he served as the executive director of enrollment management at Winston-Salem State University. Van earned both his B.A. in Chemistry and his M.S. in Public Affairs from Western Carolina University. Currently he is pursuing his doctorate in educational leadership from Appalachian State University.

Mr. Wilson can be reached at 919-807-7098 or wilsonv@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.

NCCCS News Briefs

NCCCS Student Development Personnel Website

New on our website are presentations from the Nov. 2007 New Administrator's Orientation including "Frequently Asked Questions" and "Disability Services: What YOU Should know." Also on the site is a presentation on "Assessing Students in Emotional Distress". You can access this site at http://www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/Stu_Dev_Services/StudentDevPersonnel.htm for these presentations and other student development information.

Minority Male Mentoring Coordinator Orientation

NCCCS Student Development Services sponsored an Orientation Program on January 29 -30, 2008 for 15 Community Colleges who received Minority Male Mentoring Grants this year. The Orientation Program was held at Wake Technical Community College's Western Campus. The orientation program provided participants with program expectations, minority mentoring program best practices, and several information sessions.

Presentations were made to the group by Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, Executive Director/Founder of the Student African-American Brotherhood; Mr. Theodis Beck, Secretary, NC Department of Commerce; Ms. Annie Harvey, Warden, NC Correctional Institution for Women; and Dr. Graham Watt, Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Development. Other presentations included a panel discussion on the "Challenges and Benefits of Operating a Minority Male Mentoring Program." The panel consisted of NCCCS pilot *Minority Male Mentoring Program Coordinators*, Mr. Ray Burrell, Wayne CC; Dr. Grova Bridgers, Johnston CC; and Mr. Demetrius Thompson, Durham Technical CC. An interactive "Dimensions of Diversity" session was conducted by Mrs. Charletta Sims Evans.

The Community College System Office is excited about the level of commitment and enthusiasm from both the new and pilot Minority Male Mentoring Program Coordinators.

Minority Male Mentoring Conference

The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) will host the 4th annual Minority Male Mentoring Conference April 7-9, 2008, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center in Durham, North Carolina.



The conference theme is entitled "*Changing the Image of Education: A Call to Action!*" Best practices and programming to improve minority male presence in education, family, and community life will be the focus of this event. Participants will be divided into groups and charged with creating a strategic action plan. Organizations may use the action plan as a blue print to establish yearly objectives and measurements.

The conference is designed for students, educators, administrators, teachers, counselors, public service agencies, community leaders, and others who are responsible for developing mentoring programs or other programs to enhance the advancement of minority males in our communities. The conference registration fee of \$120.00 covers several meals, conference sessions, and conference materials. Conference participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. To register, please visit the conference website at www.3MConference.com. The deadline for hotel arrangements is March 10, 2008. Late registration fee for participants who register after March 10, 2008 is \$130.00.

News Briefs Continued...

Financial Aid Student Lender Workshop

Due to recently proposed changes to the Federal Student Loan Programs, Financial Aid Administrators are mandated to expand lender options to their students. Administrators are also required to outline their process for choosing lenders for their lender list. NCCCS Student Development Services conducted a Lender Workshop on February 11, 2008 to assist college financial aid administrators with this process.

This workshop allowed lenders to present their benefits and default prevention initiatives. The workshop was designed to provide colleges with a forum to receive information that will assist them in choosing lenders. Colleges were not required to use the lenders who presented during the workshop, nor were any lenders endorsed by the NCCCS.

N4CSGA Updates



The **N4CSGA Spring Conference** will be held March 28-30, 2008 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. On Friday, March 28, 2008, President H. Martin Lancaster will be our luncheon speaker.

The **N4CSGA Advocacy Award** is being remanded to honor the late Mr. Eddie Myers. Mr. Myers was devoted to student development and to Rowan Cabarrus Community College. The Advocacy Award is presented to an individual who has committed themselves to promoting and implementing positive change and advocacy on their campus and in the community. The student who receives this award must demonstrate a willingness to take the lead when it comes to change and the ability to motivate others to embrace change.

Career Services Survey

The N3CSDPA Career Services Division is conducting a survey to gain information about the structures and operations of career services on your campus. The responses from this survey will give us insight on the ways your campus is meeting the career development needs of students. The responses will also help us identify topics of interest for future career services personnel training.



Results will be posted on the NCCCS website and presented at the N3CSDPA Counselor's Division conference in March. We hope the findings of this survey will encourage greater collaboration and networking among career counselors across the state.

Best Practices for Counseling Referrals Manual

The Best Practices for Counseling Referrals Manual has been sent to campuses via e-mail. The manual is a compilation of best practices from 15 colleges. The manual also covers issues such as effective referral processes, understanding emotional distress, common causes of emotional distress, tips for recognizing emotionally distressed students, responding to emotional distress, and helpful resources.

NCCCS Student Development Services would like to thank Steven Reinhartsen, Alamance CC; Mandy Saunders, Central Piedmont CC, and all the colleges who submitted their best practices for making the manual possible.

Reception Honoring GSK Foundation Teaching Scholars

The NCCCS Office of Student Development Services will honor 15 student recipients of the GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Foundation Teacher Preparation Scholarship on Thursday, March 27, 2008 during a banquet at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, RTP, NC. The banquet will be held during the annual Spring N4CSGA Conference. Each scholar received a total of \$5,000 in scholarship funds.

The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation, Inc., the North Carolina General Assembly, and Bank of America contributed more than \$2 million dollars to establish an endowment within the North Carolina Community College Foundation to support an extended role for North Carolina community colleges in teacher preparation. The endowment funds annual scholarships to prospective teachers enrolled in community college degree programs tied to baccalaureate completion programs.

GSK Scholars are enrolled at Piedmont CC, Richmond CC, Nash CC, Mayland CC, Western Piedmont CC, Halifax CC, Surry CC, and Sampson CC.

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SACS President is Keynote Speaker for MMM Conference

Dr. Belle Wheelan, SACS President, will serve as keynote speaker for the upcoming Minority Male Mentoring Conference. Dr. Wheelan will deliver the keynote address on Tuesday morning, April 8, 2008, during the General Session breakfast meeting which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Dr. Wheelan will also participate in a roundtable discussion with college presidents and senior level administrators immediately following the breakfast. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in an informal discussion regarding recertification, substantive change requirements, institutional practices, and other concerns. Representatives from colleges who are preparing for reaccreditation are encouraged to attend both sessions.

Dr. Wheelan began her tenure as president on July 24, 2005. Prior to working for SACS, she served as Secretary of Education for the state of Virginia and worked with the members of the Commission on Colleges to ensure that higher education in the South continued to provide quality programs that prepared students for the future.

Dr. Wheelan served as president of Central Virginia Community College beginning in 1992. She was the first African American woman to serve as president of a 2 or 4 year public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Prior to her presidencies, she held faculty and administrative posts at the Portsmouth Campus of Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, Virginia, Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia, and San Antonio College, in San Antonio, Texas.

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