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Community College Minority Male Mentoring Programs Receive Funding

RALEIGH – Forty-one NC community colleges are receiving funds to support current or new programs geared toward creating success among minority males. In the 2010-11 state budget, Minority Male Mentoring Programs at NC Community Colleges received \$900,000 in recurring funding, which was paired with a \$407,000 College Access Challenge Grant to expand or launch college efforts that promote the development of personal, professional and academic growth among minority males.

“Minority male mentoring programs at our community colleges provide a lifeline to many young men who have great potential but often lack a support system,” said Dr. Scott Ralls, NC Community College System President. “Since we began this initiative in 2003, we have had many students in this program receive two-year degrees, go on to four-year colleges and universities, and find meaningful employment as a result of the encouragement and support they receive. We appreciate our state leaders recognizing the value of this initiative and finding much-needed support in a very tough economic climate.”

The 41 colleges received grants of \$25,000 each. There are currently 38 established Minority Male Mentoring Programs at community colleges. Thirty-four of those programs are receiving additional funding, with seven colleges launching programs. The focus of the program is to increase graduation and retention rates among minority males in NC Community Colleges and other institutions of higher learning. In addition to providing a support system to minority males, many of the programs offer activities in areas such as academic reinforcement, public speaking, relationship building, effective communication and employability.

“From 2005 through 2008, more than 600 students participated in Minority Male Mentoring Programs at community colleges,” says Dr. Sharon Morrissey, NC Community College System Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer. “Colleges have reported marked increases in retention among minority males who participate in these programs. The enhanced support services and increased evaluation resulting from this funding can only lead to greater success for these young men.”

The colleges receiving funds to support existing programs are:

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Mitchell Community College
Bladen Community College	Montgomery Community College
Brunswick Community College	Nash Community College
Cape Fear Community College	Piedmont Community College
Central Piedmont Community College	Pitt Community College
Craven Community College	Richmond Community College
Durham Technical Community College	Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Edgecombe Community College	Robeson Community College
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Forsyth Technical Community College	Sampson Community College
Gaston College	Sandhills Community College
Halifax Community College	South Piedmont Community College
Isothermal Community College	Southeastern Community College
James Sprunt Community College	Vance-Granville Community College
Johnston Community College	Wake Technical Community College
Lenoir Community College	Wayne Community College
Martin Community College	Wilson Community College

The colleges receiving funds to begin new programs are:

Beaufort County Community College	Catawba Valley Community College
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	Cleveland Community College
Carteret Community College	Guilford Technical Community College
	Randolph Community College

Anyone interested in learning more about how to participate enroll in the Minority Male Mentoring Program should contact their local community college or call Monty Hickman, (919) 807-7195.

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