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MEDIA ADVISORY: N.C. Community Colleges Celebrate Excellence

RALEIGH – North Carolina’s Community Colleges will celebrate excellence in education Wednesday, April 14 during “The Great Within the 58” Excellence Event, honoring academic achievement among community college students and the Faculty- Staff Person-, President-, and Partners-of the-Year recipients.

What: NC Community Colleges Excellence Event, “The Great Within the 58”

When: Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 6 p.m.

Where: Jane S. McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC

Media will have the opportunity to interview students, if scheduled in advance, and hear their stories about how the NC Community Colleges have helped them achieve and prepare for their life goals. Interviews may also be possible with the State Board Award recipients listed below if scheduled in advance. For additional information or to set up individual interviews in advance, contact Megen Hoenk, (919) 807-6962.

Who:

- Former Governor Jim Hunt has been named this year’s I.E. Ready Award winner by the State Board of Community Colleges. The award, named for the first Director of the NC Department of Community Colleges, Isaac Epps Ready, is the highest honor the State Board of Community Colleges bestows.
- President of the Year, Dr. William Aiken, President, Sampson Community College.
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Robin Harris, Curriculum Nursing Instructor, College of The Albemarle.
- Staff Person of the Year, Dr. James Kelley, Director of Admissions, Fayetteville Technical Community College.
- Distinguished Partners for Excellence: Wake Technical Community College with WakeMed Health and Hospitals, and Gaston College with Pharr Yarns, a McAdenville-based yarn manufacturer.
- 58 students will receive Academic Excellence Awards.

- The first-ever Dallas Herring Achievement Award, bestowed upon current or former students who best embody Dr. Herring’s philosophy of “taking people from where they are and carrying them as far as they can go.”
- The Robert W. Scott Leadership Award established to recognize the former governor and system president by honoring the statewide leadership efforts of a current student.

Additional information about the awards and recipients can be found on the [NC Community Colleges Excellence Event Web page](#).

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