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### **Ralls Attending White House Summit on Community Colleges *Craven Community College Alum to Represent Military Spouses***

**RALEIGH** –Dr. R. Scott Ralls, NC Community College System President, is among the invitees to the White House Summit on Community Colleges being convened by Dr. Jill Biden beginning at 12 p.m. Tuesday, October 5 in Washington, D.C. The summit will bring together community college administrators, faculty and students, business and philanthropic leaders, as well as federal and state policy leaders from across the nation.

“This is an exciting opportunity to discuss the critical role of community colleges in educating a workforce that can meet the demands of a globally competitive economy,” says Ralls. “We know that our community colleges are where North Carolinians turn for hope, opportunity, and jobs. This summit is further acknowledgement by President Obama’s administration that community colleges are key to economic recovery.”

[Craven Community College](#) graduate Pamela Baldwin is one of five students nationwide selected to participate in the summit. The 38-year-old Texas native completed her Associate in Arts degree in Pre-Accounting at Craven in May 2010 and was nominated to participate in the White House event by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students at two-year colleges. Baldwin was nominated because of her experiences as a military spouse. She will be the only student at the forum to examine the challenges and needs of military spouses who are seeking to complete their college degrees.

The opening and closing sessions of the White House Summit on Community Colleges will be streamed live. For more details, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/communitycollege>.

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