

# NC STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER NEWS

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**Click on the Argentina image to read the entire article and click on the CCPRO image to access the 2017 SoTL Institute Resources.**

## NC SSC Awarded \$17,000 Grant



The NC Student Success Center was recently awarded a \$17,380 grant to fund a pilot research and technical assistance project to assist with implementation of the NC Guided Pathways to Success (NC GPS) Plan and the NC GPS Scale of Adoption Assessment. This funding will provide additional support for college facilitators to learn the principles and practices of Guided Pathways and improvement science. In addition, the grant will enable the Center to deploy coaches for assessment follow-up calls with participating colleges. The grant was awarded through Jobs for the Future and the Student Success Center Network. Details about the projects will be available on the Center's website in the near future.

## Center Hosts Community College Educators from Argentina



On Monday, October 16, the NC Student Success Center hosted a group of 50 community college educators from across Argentina. Part of a US State Department project, NC State University coordinated the visitors' three-week professional development exchange with site visits to five NC community colleges. Because the visitors were also interested in the work of the NC Student Success Center, Executive Director Roxanne Newton arranged for the team to visit the System Office where Acting President Jennifer Haygood and other NCCCS leaders shared information about the history of the NCCCS, programs of study, and student support efforts. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

## Brunswick Community College Visit



The Center's Executive Director Roxanne Newton visited Brunswick Community College on October 23, 2017. Dr. Lois Smith, Vice President of Instruction, invited Dr. Newton to meet with President Susanne Adams and her Leadership Team to discuss advising and student engagement projects, the new Health and Fitness Science 2+2 agreement with UNC Wilmington, and new Brunswick County financial supports for students, among other innovations. Dr. Newton also toured the campus and reviewed BCC's successful aquaculture, horticulture, and athletics programs. (Go, Dolphins!) Later, she met with college employees and shared information about the Center and the NC Guided Pathways to Success plan, followed by a discussion of ways that the Center and the NC GPS project could help BCC implement its plans for student learning, persistence, and completion.

## CCPRO Annual Meeting



The NC Student Success Center served as a co-sponsor for the 2017 Community College Professional Research Organization (CCPRO) Conference at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill on October 30-31. Specifically, the Center arranged for Dr. Rob Johnstone, Founder and CEO of the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement (NCII), and a national leader in the student success movement to present a session. Dr. Johnstone's presentation, "Exploring Community College Return on Investment Approaches," included a new tool for colleges to calculate the positive financial impact of implementing Guided Pathways practices that promote student success. The Center will publish more information and make the tool available to colleges when it is released later this month. In addition, Roxanne Newton was invited by the CCPRO Executive Board to present a general session, "Faculty Research Capacity & Student Success," with two models of faculty development using data, including faculty "data dives" activities and the [Scholarship of Teaching and Learning \(SoTL\)](#).

## NC Redesign Team at Work in New Orleans



The NC Advising Redesign Team attended the Advising and Integrated Support Redesign Institute from October 2-5 in New Orleans. The team—Scott Byington (Central Carolina CC), Sabrina Terry (Surry CC), Daniel Alvarado (NCCCS), and Roxanne Newton (NC SSC)—heard presentations from national leaders, college presidents, and advising and student support experts. Team work sessions included collaborations with other NC attendees from the First in the World grant colleges, including Mike Beck, Seth Buchanan, Sarah Deal, and Brian Merritt from Central Carolina CC; Lynn Hurdle-Winslow from College of the Albemarle; Dana Merck from Carteret CC; and Jamie Gibbs from Pamlico CC. Together with these colleagues, the team developed a draft **vision statement** for NCCCS advising and student support: **Every student will be guided from pre-admission to completion with proactive advising and career, academic, and financial planning; timely communication; and integrated support and interventions.** In addition, the group discussed the essential experiences that support this vision within the NC GPS (Guided Pathways to Success) framework: Clarify the paths, help students choose a path to their end goals, help students stay on the path, and ensure students are learning.

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