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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEP. 15-OCT. 15
Hispanic Heritage Month

SEP. 24
Social Media Etiquette Workshop, 12:30 p.m., Room G119

SEP. 27
Last Day to Drop (1st 8-week course) with WP

OCT. 8 & 9
Test Anxiety Workshop, 11:15 a.m., Room 230

OCT. 10
Second 8-week Courses Begin for Tues/Thurs Classes

OCT. 14-19
Fall Break for Students–No Classes Held

The Legacy of President Dr. Martin Nadelman

We at the College bid Dr. Martin H. Nadelman farewell and happy retirement as he leaves Alamance Community College after 14 successful years as its third president. Dr. Nadelman has overseen record enrollments, the construction of several new campus facilities (from 220,000 sq. ft. to 330,000 sq. ft.), the initiation of the university transfer program, Nursing Assistant program, and evening programs for Nursing and Dental Assisting. He increased the number of faculty by 60%, approved 900 additional parking spaces, and championed early registration for students, a new library, bookstore, Advising Center, and Spanish Lab.

Here is a timeline highlighting some of Dr. Nadelman's achievements:

"This next decade will bring changes beyond our wildest imagination...We as leaders in higher education must be able to predict those changes and help our regions move forward without hesitation."

—Commencement speech, July 2000

Dr. Martin H. Nadelman

Continuing Education, Cosmetology Found Home at Burlington Center

Since August 2001, the Small Business Center, Cosmetology, and about 200 continuing education classes have been under one roof at what was first called The Burlington Center, now the Dillingham Center, located at two successive locations just off the interstate in Burlington. Prior to Dr. Nadelman's term, these programs were at separate, smaller locales in Burlington and Glen Raven. The new facilities were paid for using a combination of funds from government and the College, and the City of Burlington. Said Dr. Nadelman: "I love it when a plan comes together."

Enrollment Broke Records

Beginning in fall 2001, Dr. Nadelman oversaw rising enrollment, a trend that would continue for nearly a decade as laid off manufacturing workers sought retraining and university-bound students opted for lower tuition and smaller classes. As more students came to ACC, new parking lots were graded. In fall 2002 enrollment exceeded 4,000 for the first time. In fall 2009 enrollment topped 5,000–a new record.

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You're Invited

to

Dr. Nadelman's Retirement Gala

Thursday, Sept. 26, 4-6 p.m.
outside the auditorium

All students, faculty, and staff are cordially invited to attend the retirement reception for Dr. Martin H. Nadelman, who retires as ACC's president on Oct. 1.

4:30 p.m.
Remarks and Special Presentation

4:45-6 p.m.
Enjoy food provided by Culinary Arts

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Roundtable Discussions Benefitted ACC Planning

In 2002, Dr. Nadelman and the Board of Trustees met with industry leaders to solicit feedback on the College's future. CEOs representing four industries and seven public service agencies attended. Discussions emphasized the need to better serve the Latino population through Spanish in the workplace offerings and English as a Second Language classes; the need for more technical skill training onsite for manufacturing employees; and the need for college certification courses in specific software.

College's 'GED in the Newspaper' Honored Nationally

2001's GED in the Newspaper was the brainchild of Dr. Nadelman and became a joint project between ACC and the Burlington Times-News. The program, winner of an award from the Newspaper Association of America for its first year success rate, continues today and allows individuals who lack a high school diploma to study for their GED (General Educational Development) on their own time through nine weekly lessons published in the Times-News. Completed lessons are submitted to ACC's literacy department and assessed, leading the way toward earning a GED.

"I think students like to know who their leaders are, so getting out and speaking with them, speaking at all the new student orientations, and participating in their activities, are important. I think they respect us for hearing their concerns—building a student activity area, an advising center, open computer labs, and a wireless campus. These improvements let the students know they are important."

President Earned National ADE Award

Dr. Nadelman received the 2004-05 award from the National Association of Developmental Education (NADE) for Outstanding Support to Developmental Education by an Administrator or Public Servant. This followed his 2003 accolade as Administrator of the Year by the Executive Board of the North Carolina Association of Developmental Education (NCADE). That Board noted Dr. Nadelman's willingness to host activities of the organization at ACC and his excellent advice to the board in matters of policy relating to the President's Association. Dr. Nadelman has supported developmental education since the early 1990s.

ACC, Public Schools Highlighted Stats, Partnership

Dr. Nadelman initiated an annual joint dinner meeting of the ACC Board of Trustees, Alamance-Burlington Board of Education, and Alamance County Board of Commissioners to share goals and highlights of their working partnership. Among the dozens of partnerships shared by Alamance-Burlington Schools and the College are Student Career Fair, Dropout Prevention, ESL Classes for Parents, Huskins/Career & College Promise classes and JobLink Center. Noted Dr. Nadelman: "The education and services we provide make a positive difference in our quality of life and our ability to attract and retain business and industry in our county."

Bond Passage Signaled New Construction at ACC

More than 65 percent of voters approved the College's $7.5 million bond package in November 2005, which provided

funding to construct a 35,000 sq. ft. Allied Health/Biotechnology facility to house growing student enrollments in Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Medical Assisting, and Biotechnology. The new building, named for the science-oriented Powell family, opened in late 2007. Dr. Nadelman said the new building came to fruition because voters recognized the need for a training facility that will bring skilled graduates to the region's healthcare and science workforce.

Gee Building Opened

One of ACC's strongest supporters was honored in late 2005 with the dedication of the Wallace W. Gee Building, constructed from funds generated from voter approval of the 2000 educational bonds for North Carolina universities and community colleges. The Gee Building houses an expanded library, administrative

offices, meeting and training rooms, and Student Development (Admissions and Financial Aid). Wallace W. Gee (1918-2004) was a founding member of the College's Board of Trustees, where he served for 40 years (1960-2000). Said Dr. Nadelman: "What does it take to get your name on a building?...At Alamance Community College, it took a man who loved the College and this county. It took a man who made a great positive difference to the lives of those less fortunate than his."

ACC Earned State's Superior Rating

In 2007, for the second time in three years, ACC earned a "superior" rating in the Critical Success Factors report from the N.C. Community College System (NCCCS) Office. The College exceeded the minimum standards for success in 11 out of 12 performance factors, and five of the six required factors. Among the 12 standards described in the report are Business/Industry Satisfaction, Employment of Graduates, Employer Satisfaction with Graduates, Curriculum Student Retention and Graduation, and Progress of Basic Skills Students.

Student Center Opened

The 2007-08 school year witnessed the completion of the 7,400-square-foot Student Activity Center,

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another project suggested by Dr. Nadelman: "The commons area has been overwhelmed as enrollment has exploded over the past seven years. We needed a location where students could gather and still feel like they were a part of the College." The concept and what the center would house emerged from both employee and SGA brainstorming: a new college bookstore that doubled its previous size; an 1800-2000 sq. ft. student lounge with couches and tables where students may visit or study; a TV lounge with big screen television for students' leisure time; an internet café where students can connect their laptops; an activity room where student clubs can hold meetings; and a new office for the Student Government Association (SGA). Noted Dr. Nadelman: "I hope students realize their well-being was considered during the College's facility expansion."

Campus Wireless Network Connected Students

ACCPubAccess was the College's first wireless network, installed in fall 2008 at the behest of Dr. Nadelman so students could be connected to the internet. This open access wireless network is physically separate from the College network and is offered to students and others as a public service.

New Literacy Building Opened to Community

In late 2010, a stand-alone facility for the College's literacy and basic skills programs opened for citizens studying for GED, Adult High School, and other literacy initiatives. The new 10,000

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It's Been Said…

As Dr. Nadelman prepares to move into retirement, his colleagues at the College offered a few personal comments…

"Dr. Nadelman is a character. Not every college president goes around on holidays dressed up and passing out candy, feeling no embarrassment. Nor do they always have a smile on their face like the one that we at ACC are accustomed to seeing upon Dr. Nadelman. He has been very compassionate about this campus and about his job as our 'father-figure' here on campus. Dr. Nadelman is one of a kind and we all know that this place will never be quite the same without him. But what he has built up in his 14 years of serving ACC will prosper."

–**DILLON GANTOS**, *Phi Theta Kappa president; Academic Skills Lab Tutor/Lab Assistant*

"Dr. Nadelman has worked hard many years to make this campus work well for faculty, staff, and students. I have always treasured his personal notes he has sent for our birthdays. I have kept all of them as a reminder that nothing compares to a hand-written note in terms of thoughtfulness. He will be missed, and I wish him a very happy and fruitful retirement."

–**DR. MARLA DUNHAM**, *English instructor*

"Dr. Nadelman has been our Fearless Leader for years and he will be greatly missed."

–**KATHY CHURCH**, *Cosmetology instructor*

"One of my favorite things about Dr. Nadelman is his commitment to sending birthday cards. Without fail, he acknowledged his employees' birthdays annually. Getting that hand-written note (which usually included a commentary on my 'good work' for ACC) always made me feel so valued as an employee. I'll miss those birthday cards."

–**ALEXANDRA DESIATO MARANO**, *English Instructor*

"Not many college presidents take the time to stop by and visit you or your department for a quick 'hello' or chat. Dr. Nadelman's care and time in doing this over the years has shown his true dedication, care, and concern for each employee–big or small. This has helped create an atmosphere where you really do matter."

–**JANELLE CHRISTOPHER**, *Dental Assisting Dept. Head*

"Dr. Nadelman is fair and caring. You may not always agree with the answer he gives you, but he always makes the time to listen to you as well as explain his reasoning. I have always felt important and valued as a faculty member under his leadership. He has a true heart for ALL employees no matter what your rank is in the college. I am truly going to miss him and his leadership."

–**DONNA PRUITT**, *Dental Assisting instructor*

"I would like to thank you, Dr. Nadelman, for the unmeasured guidance and confidence you provided to me as I grew into my role as a department head. Your leadership will continue to make its mark on the Nursing Assistant program."

–**RHONDA PIERCE**, *Nursing Assistant Dept. Head*

"Shortly after I began working at ACC, Dr. Nadelman asked me, 'What can I do to make your job easier?' In my twenty years of teaching, no one had ever asked me this question before. I suggested that a Writing Center would be helpful for all English faculty and students, and today, three years later, we have a new Writing Center. I will always remember Dr. Nadelman as a person who made me feel valued by asking me a meaningful question and really listening to my answer."

–**MARIAN ANDERS**, *English instructor*

"Thank you for giving me a chance. Daily I get to learn, help students, and have fun–and get paid to do it. I have the best job in the school. I truly appreciate the many opportunities you have given us–ACC employees–to provide input on the matters of the college. You will be missed."

–**BILL FONVILLE**, *Coordinator/Academic Skills Lab*

"You made this a wonderful place to work. I hope you enjoy your retirement to its fullest and may your travels take you far and may you always be safe and blessed."

–**DONNA RICE**, *Administrative Secretary*

STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

PTK WANTS STUDENTS

PHI THETA KAPPA'S NEXT MEETING: Monday, Sept. 23, 1:45 p.m.

WHERE: Room 230, Student Center

WHO: Students are eligible to join Phi Theta Kappa if they have completed more than 12 credit hours and have a GPA of at least 3.5. Potential members will receive an email invitation via their Access email.

CONTACT: Ms. Kassler (Laura.Kassler@alamancecc.edu) or Ms. Holland (Melinda.Holland@alamancecc.edu) for more information.

SIGMA PSI MEETINGS

Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC's psychology/sociology club).

WHEN: First and third Wednesday each month, 12:15 p.m.

WHERE: Room 230, Student Activities Center

JOIN ROTARACT CLUB

Are you a student interested in opportunities to network with businesses in the community?

Consider joining Rotaract, an organization focused on "Service Above Self."

CONTACT: Sheri Crofts at sherill.crofts@alamancecc.edu for more information.

HAVE A CLUB MEETING?

If your club has a meeting or an event, you may post your announcement in *Campus ACCess*. Contact Jon Young in the Public Information and Marketing office (A-03), call 506-4122 or e-mail jonathan.young@alamancecc.edu.

ACC SECURITY/ EMERGENCY:

Inside ACC–dial 2286
Outside–dial 506-4286

Students and employees should add these numbers to their cell phone directories.

Trustee Reflects on President's 14 Years Leading ACC

Catherine Smith

Catherine Smith has been a member of the ACC Board of Trustees since 2000, almost as long as Dr. Martin Nadelman has served as president of Alamance Community College. Appointed within a year of his start of service, Ms. Smith was witness and partner–as a trustee–to Dr. Nadelman's efforts, initiatives, and direction for the College.

A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Ms. Smith graduated from Middle Tennessee State University and has worked in Human Services for more than 40 years as a social worker. Locally, she has volunteered with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, co-founded with her husband

Concerned Citizens, a community organization to empower and include all citizens in service and opportunities. She retires from her 23-year position with Burlington Housing Authority on September 30. Appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor Jim Hunt in 2000, she has begun her fourth term at ACC.

Catherine Smith provided her views on Dr. Nadelman's 14-year tenure as ACC's third president.

Working Relationship

"I have enjoyed working with Dr. Nadelman over these many years," she said. "He has always been willing to take time to assist in areas of concern, or provide clarity when I have contacted him on trustee matters. I appreciate the fact that he is always very frank and definite in his approach. He never struck me as having any 'hidden agendas.' He is very decisive and firm in his decisions…and I appreciate someone who stands their ground. You always know where he's coming from on any issue."

Top Initiatives

Dr. Nadelman's most notable accomplishments, said Ms. Smith, have been the expansion of the College. She listed the construction of the Gee Building, Powell Allied Health Building, Dillingham Center, and Literacy Building as his finest expansion projects, all funded by voter approval of bond referendums.

Strengths of Dr. Nadelman

Ms. Smith said Dr. Nadelman's strengths included "his desire to make Alamance Community College a vital part of this community by addressing the school's needs, and providing an opportunity for its citizenry to receive training in the areas which will allow them to provide for their families and contribute to this community."

But she also noted Dr. Nadelman's personal touch with not only students and employees at ACC, but in her life: "Martin makes a special effort to recognize events in the lives of [ACC] trustees. He was present at the 'home-going' services for my mother as well as my husband to offer personal condolences. That meant a lot to me personally that he came, instead of just the flowers from the College. And he has always sent a personal note each year for my birthday–always on time, never late. My family sometimes forgot but he never has."

Win NFL Tickets, Gift Cards to Support Troops

NFL FOOTBALL TICKET RAFFLE: Enter a chance to win a pair of tickets to an NFL game: Carolina Panthers vs. Atlanta Falcons in Charlotte on Sunday, Nov. 3.

- History Club members are selling raffle tickets: $1 for one ticket, $5 for arm's length of tickets (15 ticket minimum).
- First name drawn wins tickets for the NFL game tickets; second name drawn wins $50 Best Buy gift card; third name drawn wins a $25 BoneFish Grill gift card.

WHERE TO BUY? Purchase tickets from History Club table (outside bookstore) Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-noon, or from faculty advisors Sherri Singer (B309) and Dave Crane B113. Raffle drawing is October 25.

GOOD TO KNOW: Proceeds go toward postage for care packages to U.S. troops overseas.

Enter Student Writers' Contest–Cash Prizes to Winners

- All ACC students are eligible.
- Deadline to submit entries: Wednesday, Oct. 23.
- Categories (500-1800 words): Short Fiction, Personal Essay, Research Essays, and Poetry (under 800 words).
- Pick up rules and entry forms in the Academic Skills Lab or English office (B206).
- All entries must be submitted in hard copy form to the Academic Skills Lab AND e-mailed to ACCwriterscontest@gmail.com as an attachment. All entries should be aimed at a college level audience.
- Winners (1st place through honorable mention) receive cash prizes courtesy of SGA; first place winners are published in the college literary magazine, *The Explorer*.

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sq. ft. building was paid for using funds remaining from the local 2005 bond referendum. The vacated space in the main campus building previously occupied by literacy was renovated to make room for a new Academic Skills Lab; and the old skills lab became the College's first Spanish language computer lab.

Latest Construction on Horizon

Dr. Nadelman's desire for an Advanced Applied Technology Center was approved in concept when Alamance County voters approved a referendum in November 2012. Once a funding mechanism is agreed upon by county officials, the approximately 62,000 sq. ft. building will be home to five current programs: Computer-Integrated Machining Technology, Welding, Carpentry, Automotive Systems Technology, and Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration. Said Dr. Nadelman: Moving forward with a new facility is "an affirmation that ACC is staying with our roots of providing the kinds of training in careers that are demanded by the public."

"We have dedicated over 40% of our equipment budget each year to technology, permitting students to experience different learning styles. We have hired new employees who have the same philosophy as those who came before them, realizing that the success of the student is paramount at ACC."

ACC President Named "Most Influential"

Dr. Nadelman was named, in 2008, among the Triad's "Most Influential People" by the Triad Business Journal, a weekly news tabloid serving the business community in the Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, and Burlington areas. He was among 107 Triad leaders recognized for their excellence not just within their industry or sphere of influence, but for leading initiatives within their community and the region. Said Dr. Nadelman: "It's an honor to be included among the business and academic leaders who are making such a difference across the Triad. ACC is proud of its leadership role in workforce preparedness and in building strong partnerships with the local business community."

ACC Among Fastest Growing Community Colleges in U.S.

In February 2011, Alamance Community College was listed among the nation's fastest growing community colleges in the nationally published Community College Week magazine, ranking ACC 25th of the 50 fastest growing schools in colleges its size. Said Dr. Nadelman: "Because of four new facilities being constructed in the past five years, we have been able to increase our capacity to serve this increased campus population. Even though our campus has more students, we still strive to serve them as best we can, one at a time. Their success is even more important in these difficult economic times."

Horticulture "Grow Green" Reboot

Solar-powered greenhouse? Growing plants without soil in a controlled, indoor environment? Recycling rain water? These initiatives, launched in 2011, changed ACC's Horticulture Technology program forever. Suggested by Dr. Nadelman and coordinated by Horticulture head, Justin Snyder, the transformation has given graduates an advantage in the job market with training and skills in cutting-edge techniques. Said Dr. Nadelman: "This is real world experience for our students." The College and community stand to reap multiple benefits from this reinvention of the Horticulture Technology program."

"I believe community colleges will more and more become the college of choice. Costs of higher education are becoming prohibitive for much of the population. Families are now choosing to send their children to a community college for the students' first two years to save money. These learning experiences they get at community colleges will undoubtedly be very positive and this will encourage others to follow in their footsteps...We are no longer Alamance County's best kept secret."

GET THE 411

COLLEGE REPS VISIT

Roger Sims from NC State University will be at ACC to look over students' transcripts, give advice, and answer questions about transferring.

Thurs., Sept. 26
Advising Center
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

FIND SCHOLARSHIPS AT WEBSITE

Go to ScholarshipExperts.com to find dozens of scholarship listings such as Make Me Laugh $1,500 Scholarship, College Prowler "No Essay" Scholarship, and Shout It Out $1,500 Scholarship. Registration at the site is free.

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

The Academic Advising Center is located near the lower commons in the main building. Fall hours are:

Mon., 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tues.-Thurs., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri., 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Appointments are preferred. Call Virginia Jeffries at 336-506-4362.

FROM THE LIBRARY

CHOOSING CIVILITY

ACC's library staff is exploring aspects of the book, *Choosing Civility* by P.M. Forni, which contains 25 rules of civility.

"Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength."
—Eric Hoffer, (1902-1983)

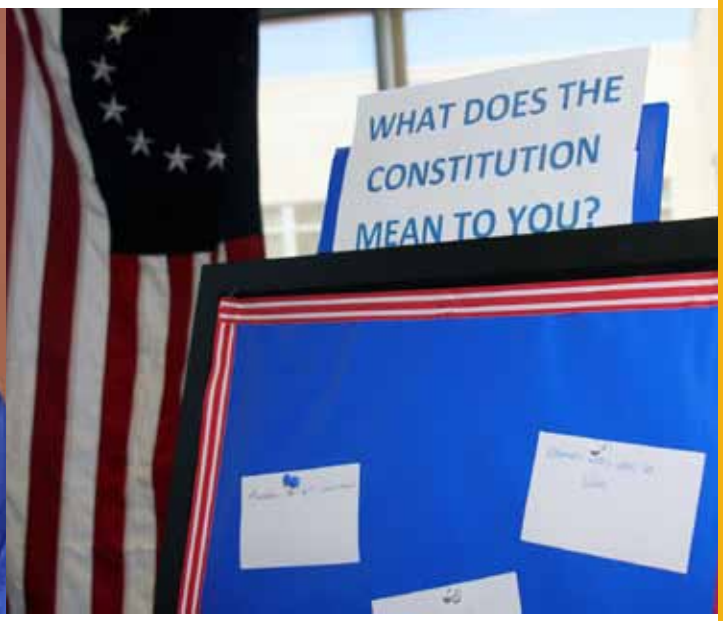
campus life

Constitution Day Was Celebrated...

on the ACC campus to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in September 1787. About 300 students participated in games and activities sponsored by student clubs. Rotaract and the History Club each won $100 in additional budget money as co-winners of their displays. Honorable mention goes to the Automotive Club.

PICTURED:

- *Above*, History Club member Sarah Comstock, center, explained the club's quiz to fellow students.
- *Above right*, students Krystal Riley (left) and Jodie Thompson, SGA secretary, offered free popcorn.
- *Right*, Bobby Petty (*George Washington*) of the Rotaract Club posed with Veronica Smith.
- *Below left*, Juan Carlos Mosqueda portrayed Uncle Sam.



Student Activities Calendar

SOCIAL MEDIA ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP. Tues., Sept. 24: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Room G119 (1st floor computer lab). Did you know employers utilize Facebook and Twitter to find out more about their applicants? Learn how to ensure your online profiles help you instead of hinder you. Refreshments and attendance verification slips are provided.

CHEAP MOVIE TICKETS. Movie tickets for Carousel Theatre (Alamance Crossing & Greensboro) available for $6 each at cashier's window, Student Development.

COLLEGE/NFL PICK'EM GROUPS. Go to ESPN.com for a chance to win gift certificates. Group Name: AlamanceCommunityCollege & Password: ACC2013.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) IS LOOKING FOR FOUR STUDENT SENATORS to assist this year. Senators will help plan upcoming events, discuss student issues, and assist with programs and events throughout the year. Interested students should email John.Evans@alamancecc.edu.