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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEP. 15-OCT. 15
Hispanic Heritage Month

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

OCT. 23-24
Flu Shot Clinics, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Powell Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Welcome Dr. Algie Gatewood, ACC's New President

Alamance Community College welcomes new college president Dr. Algie Gatewood. He takes the reins of the institution from retiring president, Dr. Martin H. Nadelman. Dr. Gatewood begins his tenure on October 1.

Dr. Gatewood, with decades of experience in public education, spent most of his career in North Carolina but the past nine years at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College (PCC) in Oregon as its president.

Prior to his leadership at Cascade, Dr. Gatewood served in the Office of the President at the University of North Carolina from 1997-2004 as the Director of Health, Education and Welfare and the Assistant Director of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority. He served as Dean of Student Services at Anson Community College in Polkton, NC from 1982-1997. Dr. Gatewood holds a bachelor's degree in Social Science/History from Livingston College in Salisbury, and a master's degree in Higher Education/College Administration from Appalachian State University. He received his Doctorate in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Algie Gatewood

Dr. Gatewood brings to Alamance Community College experience in initiatives familiar to ACC students, faculty and staff. While at

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Adult High School Gives Students One-on-One Instruction

Michael Dull

Michael Dull, 19, admits he didn't complete traditional high school because of his conflicts with authority. He managed to find a job, but finally realized he wouldn't have much of a future without that all-important high school credential.

What he needed was personal attention.

Michael found that in ACC's Adult High School program—an effort that made him enjoy learning for the first time.

"The teachers in Adult High School treat all the students with respect. It's more independent learning and I really liked that," said Michael who earned his diploma this summer.

ACC has two pathways toward earning a high school diploma. The GED gives people an opportunity to study for a five-part exam with a qualified instructor at their own pace.

The Adult High School (AHS) program is different in that it gives adults specialized, one-on-one instruction in a classroom setting with other students, allowing them the opportunity to complete the credits they need. Many find it a more compelling, satisfying experience than what they knew in public schools as teens.

Michael Dull began in September 2012, working at his job all day, and then taking evening classes in ACC's Dillingham Center for nine months.

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STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

REGISTER TO VOTE

Sigma Psi's voter registration drive continues on Monday, Sept. 30, and Oct. 7. Look for table in front of the bookstore, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

PTK WANTS STUDENTS

PHI THETA KAPPA'S NEXT MEETING: Monday, Oct. 7, 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.

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PCC's Cascade campus, Dr.Gatewood:

- Helped grow credit enrollment by 66 percent since he began in 2004
- Has been instrumental in leading the 2008 bond work ongoing at Cascade
- Partnered with Portland Public Schools to form a Middle College for Advanced Studies program, enabling those students to take college credit classes at the nearby Cascade Campus and earn up to 45 college credits

Dr. Gatewood also made his mark on issues important to the local community. In 2006, in response to the crime and livability issues that troubled the neighborhood around Cascade Campus, he reached out to residents, businesses, and organizations in the area to form the Albina-Killingsworth Safe Neighborhood Commission. The commission worked to implement solutions to the problems facing the community and, with strong support from the Portland Police Bureau, managed to achieve a 27 percent reduction in violent crime compared to the area's five-year average.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for me to bring back to North Carolina—and more specifically to Alamance County—skills and experience I have developed over time in order to move Alamance Community College to the next level," said Dr. Gatewood this summer following his appointment to ACC. "The wonderful thing is that I'll be building upon a strong base, thanks to Dr. Nadelman, which will be of great importance. I'm very happy because North Carolina is my home and it's great to return there."

Data contained in this article was culled from The Portland Observer.

Writer's Contest Workshops for Students, Faculty, and Staff

The Writing Center is hosting a series of workshops for students, faculty, and staff interested in polishing their works of fiction, personal narrative, poetry, or research for submission to the Writer's Contest.

Presenters (listed here) encourage workshop participants to bring a draft of their contest entry. All workshops will be in the Writing Center conference room.

FICTION

- Monday, Sept. 30, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Susan Dalton
- Wednesday Oct. 2, 1-2 p.m., Sarah Boone

PERSONAL ESSAY

- Tuesday, Oct. 1, 12-1 p.m., Courtney Doi
- Wednesday, Oct. 9, 12-1 p.m., Sarah Boone

POETRY

- Wednesday, Oct. 2, 12-1 p.m., Olivia Stogner
- Thursday, Oct. 3, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Maureen Sherbondy

RESEARCH

- Monday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-2 p.m., Debbie Burdick
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-2 p.m., Debbie Burdick

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*.

Student Activities Calendar

UNCG's TRANSFER TUESDAY EVENT. Tues., Oct. 8, 3:00-8:15 p.m. ACC is organizing a trip to UNCG's Transfer Tuesday event, an informal tour of UNCG's campus, presentations by admissions and financial aid, and campus organization displays. ACC students earn application fee waiver for fall 2014 applications, a savings of $55. Bus leaves ACC at 3 p.m., return 8:15 p.m. ACC provides free transportation and food. Students must sign up to attend. Contact AdvisingCenter@alamancecc.edu.

FREE FAMILY ICE SKATING NIGHT. Sat., Oct. 5: 8 -11 p.m. SGA is sponsoring a FREE evening of family ice skating at the Hillsborough Sportsplex (101 Meadowlands Dr., Hillsborough, NC 27278). Skates are included with ticket. Stop by SGA offices/Room 228 or 229 Student Center) to pick up free tickets.

FREE VIDEO BROADCAST: 'Chasing Greatness and Leading the Way,' with Kevin Bracy. Tues., Oct. 1: 7 p.m., ACC Auditorium. Motivational speaker/author Bracy will discuss Achieving the Impossible, 5 C's of Effective Leadership, and Eliminating Negative Mind Chatter.

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Benefits of Adult High School Online

- Classes are completely free
- No testing fees
- Self-paced classes; study from home or on campus
- Earn a traditional high school diploma
- Offered in cooperation with ABSS
- Enter and complete program any time of year
- Complete the credits you need to graduate from high school

To learn more, call (336) 506-4376, or visit our Adult High School page.

"Adult High School is a very good option if you need more personal attention in your studies like I did," said Dull. "The teachers are there to help you, and everyone in class is respected equally."

Adult High School classes are populated by adult students of all ages: people in their 20s, 30s and beyond. Students can enroll in Adult High School at any time during a semester after an initial assessment.

Adult High School is free, and courses are held both mornings and evenings at the Dillingham Center in Burlington. It has grown in popularity in recent years, largely because U.S. military recruiters are not accepting GED diplomas as readily as they are Adult High School.

"They tell us that a military recruit who has completed Adult High School shows perseverance because they completed all required high school credits rather than just taking an equivalency test," says Claire Dixon, Director of Basic Skills.

Online Adult High School

Some students prefer to study for their Adult High School diploma online because they can't make it to a classroom site or simply want to study on their own. Last spring, ACC initiated its first online Adult High School program using Apex Learning.

Adult High School Online is interactive, providing students with feedback from instructors, and incorporating videos, music, and other multi-media tools to engage students in learning. Students also have the opportunity to perform projects offline—at home—which provides something more than just academics.

Adult High School students have the choice of studying solely from their home computer or integrating online classes with those in a classroom, known as hybrid and held at the Dillingham Center in Burlington.

Debbie Barket, Coordinator of Assessment and AHS, has important advice: "We recommend that students for Adult High School, whether online or in the classroom, have at least ten high school credits already earned because it will make the transition back to actual classes easier."

How Do I Get Started in Adult High School?

To earn an Adult High School diploma (either classroom setting or online), students must:

- Submit a sealed official transcript from each previous high school attended before beginning coursework in AHS
- Receive a transcript evaluation from AHS staff to determine how many credits have already been earned, and how many are required for completion. Units may be earned in English, mathematics, social studies, science, and foreign language, and a variety of electives. Graduates are issued a high school diploma from the Alamance-Burlington School System and Alamance Community College.

Prospects for Adult High School are asked to bring their high school transcripts to orientation in order for a counselor to help determine if AHS or GED is best for them.

For more information about AHS classes or to enroll, contact the coordinator, Deborah Barket (506-4036) or the Assessment Center.

GET THE 411

BRUSH-UP CLASSES IN MATH AND ENGLISH

BSP 2000 classes are FREE brush-ups in math and English for students preparing to take the college placement tests.

Placement Test Prep (BSP 2000) Fall Schedule

October 7-31
1-4 p.m. (English) &
6-9 p.m. (Math)

November 4-21
1-4 p.m. (Math) &
6-9 p.m. (English)

Students can call 506-4376 or email Assessment.Center@alamancecc.edu to register. Indicate name, phone number, session time and subject(s) needed. The last day to sign up for any Placement Test Prep class is Wednesday, one week before the scheduled class. Mandatory orientation is the first day of class.

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.

NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES

Three employees received service pins at the September faculty/staff meeting for their years of service to the College.

Dr. Bob Owen–25 years
Dept. Head, Mechanical Drafting Technology

Jennifer Rudd–10 years
Lab Assistant

Barbara Thornton–5 years
Assistant Controller

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Farewell Dr. Nadelman

A farewell gala to retiring ACC President Dr. Martin Nadelman brought dignitaries, employees and friends to the main campus to celebrate his 14 years at the helm of Alamance Community College. The event included the unveiling of a new permanent display outside the auditorium highlighting the contributions of the College's first three presidents. Culinary Arts catered the event. Trustees Chairman Carl Steinbicker (right), presented Dr. Nadelman with a plaque in front of the new display.

Dedication

A new highway sign was installed last week along Interstate 85 at Exit 150 by the NC Dept. of Transportation that heralds the Scott Family Collection at Alamance Community College. The sign was dedicated during the Scott family reunion at the Hawfields Civitan Shelter. Attending were members of the ACC Foundation Board, Senator Rick Gunn, and the Scott Family Collection Advisory Board. Located on the Gee Building third floor, the Scott Collection preserves and maintains artifacts and history of Alamance County's Scott family who made their mark in agribusiness, education, medicine, public service and religion. Assisting with the unveiling were original and current members of the Scott Family Collection Advisory Board, Senator Gunn, and Peggy Boswell, the collection's curator.

Security Officer Honored

David Apple, a security officer at ACC since 2005, was named Officer of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2013. Officer Apple (left) was presented with a plaque and check by Security Supervisor Ryan Hendricks.

Winner

Student Jennifer Scott earned an ACC shoulder bag as a thank you for submitting a new name for the revamped campus newsletter, now known as Campus ACCess. The Graham resident is studying Web Technologies at ACC.

VIPs Visit

Special guests representing the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) spent three days on the ACC campus last week to assess the College's compliance on a variety of issues on the road toward reaccreditation. SACS team members are all educators at colleges in the Southeastern U.S. and volunteer to assist in this process. See next week's newsletter for an assessment of that report.