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Horticulture Wins Again at NC State Fair

For the 5th year in a row, Horticulture Technology won First Place for an exhibit in the Garden Competition at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh.

This year, the College competed in two themes–"Alice in Wonderland" which collected a First Place prize, and "Rolling Along," which collected a Third Place prize. The themes are chosen by judges in the competition. ACC competed against professional landscapers this year.

For the "Alice in Wonderland" exhibit, Horticulture invited five other programs to collaborate on creating a mechanically-operated Cheshire Cat to greet visitors at the garden entrance: Advertising & Graphic Design, Mechanical Drafting, Computer-Integrated Machining, Industrial Systems and Welding.

"We receive the themes of the gardens in March and our Landscape Design class develops the designs at that time. We then work on the gardens through the summer and intensively on weekends and afternoons for a couple of weeks leading up to the fair," said Horticulture department head Justin Snyder.

The "Alice" theme includes two scenes from the story and visitors enter through a rabbit hole built into a living wall. Three terrariums are encased in the living wall, each a mini-scene from the story. Inside, visitors stroll the Queen's Courtyard, complete with huge mushrooms, singing flowers and Playing Card characters.

The "Rolling Along" exhibit must incorporate water and for that, Horticulture envisioned a "wine lover's garden," Snyder said. A six foot by six foot wall of empty wine bottles are back-lit and serve as the backdrop for a waterfall that spills into and rolls along six small pools. More than 600 bottles, most supplied by Grove Winery near Gibsonville, are stacked in that wine wall.

(Above) Fairgoer Rebecca Huffines of Caswell Co. posed behind the Alice in Wonderland playing card, designed by ACC's graphic design students; (right) Colorful wine bottles brought ACC's "wine lover's garden" exhibit to life.

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STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

PTK WANTS STUDENTS

PHI THETA KAPPA'S NEXT MEETING: Monday, Nov. 4, 1:45 p.m.
WHERE: Room 230, Student Center
WHO: Students are eligible to join 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

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.

NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES

SERVICE AWARDS

One employee received a service pin at the October faculty/staff meeting for years of service to the College.

Ed Williams–5 years
Director of Public Information and Marketing

Present for the SECU Scholarship presentation were (l-r) SECU Senior Vice President Mark Greene, students Jerry Miles and Karla Allen, and ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood.

ACC Curriculum, Continuing Education Students Receive SECU Scholarships

Two curriculum students and five continuing education students were awarded scholarships from the NC State Employees Credit Union (SECU) this fall.

Curriculum students who received a $2,000 scholarship for the 2013-14 year were:

Karla Allen, 19, is a university transfer student who wants to pursue a career in event planning. The 2012 Southern Alamance High graduate volunteers with "Caring Kitchen" where she delivers food to Burlington residents and local retirement homes. Karla was named to the President's List for academic honors last spring.

Kathleen Harding, 43, is a student in Medical Office Administration. An employee of ARC of Orange County, she assists individuals with developmental disabilities. In 2008, Kathleen was named Employee of the Year and became a liaison between clients and case managers. She volunteers with Paws4Ever in Mebane, a no-kill animal shelter.

Qualifications for the SECU scholarship include documented need, grade point average, and commitment to ACC for two years. The scholarships are given to selected students from each of the state's 58 community colleges to support two years of schooling.

Continuing education students who received a $750 scholarship were:

Michael Mobley, 24, is a U.S. military veteran. He is enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician evening course.

Heather Phillips, 27, works at Alamance Regional Medical Center (ARMC) and is enrolled in the hybrid EMT evening course.

Jerry Miles, 39, is enrolled in the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program.

Amber Baldwin, 25, plans to begin the EMT course in December.

Brad Dew, 27, plans to begin the EMT course in December and hopes to start a career as a firefighter.

This fall is the first time SECU has made scholarships available for continuing education students. During each six-month period (July-December and January-June), ACC will award up to five scholarships in the amount of $750 each. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a continuing education program leading to a state-regulated or industry-recognized credential, be unemployed or under-employed, and/or be a veteran or member of the National Guard, with preference for those with little or no access to other aid.

ACC's selection committee for the Continuing Education Scholarship is comprised of Dave Parker (chair), Duncan Shaw, Ellen McBane, Suellyn Dalton, and Vernell Rone.

student snapshot

PHILLIP STEELE

Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?
A. Mechanical Drafting, because I love being creative.

Q. What you wish people knew about you–but probably don't?
A. I'm more of a 'people' person than folks realize.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/performed, etc.)?
A. I won a Chevy Malibu in a sweepstakes.

Q. Something you always wanted to do–but haven't yet?
A. Start a career as a designer.

Q. If you could visit any place in the world for free, where?
A. Great Wall of China.

Q. Something you can't live without?
A. My family.

Q. TV program you try not to miss?
A. Sunday football.

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?
A. Ray Charles. Would you have traded in your fame to see again?

'ROCKABILLY' SHOW OCT. 28

What do poodle skirts, Johnny Cash, and Elvis have in common? Discover the answer through music and graphics in a presentation sponsored by ACC's Music and Dance Club.

WHAT: 'RockaBilly–Head to Toe,' presented by Willie Nelms

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m., Auditorium, main building

This project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Come pick up a free pumpkin from SGA on Monday, Oct. 28 (first-come, first-served), carve and decorate at home, and bring back to campus for judging on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Gift certificates awarded for 1st ($25), 2nd ($15), and 3rd ($10) place. SGA office is in Student Center.

'Day of the Dead' Festival Oct. 31

ACC's Diversity Committee will host a "Day of the Dead" (Dias De Los Muertos) festival. Come find out all about "Day of the Dead"–What is it? Who celebrates it?

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 31, 12-12:30 p.m., Auditorium

- Halloween Costume Contest with prizes
- Door prizes, including $50 gift cards to La Cocina and La Fiesta
- Day of the Dead magnets, earrings, bracelets
- Free chips and salsa

Sign Up for ACC's Reinhartsen Run

Time is running out to walk/run or volunteer with the ACC Foundation's Reinhartsen 5K Walk/Run to raise funds for the Steven Reinhartsen Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is named for Steven Reinhartsen, Director of Counseling and Career Services at ACC who passed away on Sept. 14, 2012.

411 About the 5k:

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 2, beginning at 8 a.m.

WHERE: Alamance Community College–Carrington-Scott Campus, Graham; Exit 150, Interstates 40/85.

FEE: $25 registration

RACE DETAILS: Chip timed race and Fun Run/Walk. To register, go to www.sportoften.com and search for "Reinhartsen."

SPONSORS: Burlington Honda, ACC Follett Bookstore, ACC Student Government Association, Manpower, Chandler Agency, and Biz-Mari Hair.

MORE INFO? Contact Natalie at 336-506-4102 or Natalie.Miles@alamancecc.edu.

Veterans' Day Events–At a Glance

ACC's History Club is honoring the service of U.S. troops past and present in honor of Veteran's Day, Monday, Nov. 11.

Breakfast for ACC's Veterans

WHAT: Complimentary full breakfast

WHEN/WHERE: Monday, Nov. 11, 8-10 a.m., Room 230, Student Center

WHO: ACC students and employees who are military veterans are invited to a complimentary full breakfast in honor of Veterans' Day. This event is sponsored by the History Club. Come share a meal with fellow veterans.

'How Many Flags' Contest

In honor of Veterans' Day and to honor ACC students past and present who have served in the military, American flags will be planted along Jimmie Kerr Road the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 8. **CONTEST:** Correctly guess how many flags and win gifts from the History Club. In case of a tie, winner to be determined by lottery drawing. Submit your guess with name and contact info to the Information desk, main entrance all day on Monday, Nov. 11.

'Fill the Hat' Care Packages

Donate items Nov. 11-Dec. 2 in the red, white and blue "Uncle Sam" hats that will be sent to U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan. Items may also be delivered to Sherri Singer (B309) or Dave Crane (B113). **NEEDED:** Hard candies, packaged snacks, toiletry items.

University Transfer Scholarships Available

ACC students may apply for The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, a highly-selective scholarship for the nation's top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees.

The Foundation provides up to $30,000 per year. Up to 75 scholarships nationwide are available.

Applicants must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, plan to transfer to a four-year university, and demonstrate financial need. Application period is Sept.–Nov. 2013. Apply at www.jkcf.org.

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NURSING'S HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE IS OCT. 31

The Nursing Department's annual Halloween Blood Drive needs donors. To make an appointment, sign up at Red Cross.org or contact Nursing instructor Jerrel Clark at 506-4255 or email Jerrel.Clark@alamancecc.edu to request appointment time.

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

WHERE: Powell Building, H211

BEST BET: Donors are entered into a drawing for a chance to win a $1,000 American Express gift card. Don't miss the Nursing students' annual snack sale during the blood drive.

WRITING CENTER–NEW CONSULTATION HOURS

Writing Center consultation hours have been reorganized in order to better meet students' scheduling needs. Hours are available during weekday mornings and early afternoons. They are:

Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues.-Thurs.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Make an Appointment: Come by the Writing Center (Room 354 in Skills Lab) or call 336-506-4190. Walk-ins are acceptable when appointments are not full.

TEST PREP CLASSES IN MATH AND ENGLISH

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

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

Call 506-4376 or email Assessment.Center@alamancecc.edu to register. Indicate name, phone number, session time and subject(s) needed. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, one week before the class. Mandatory orientation is the first day of class.

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Good Cause

The History Club raised $1,100 in its football ticket raffle, with funds going toward sending care packages to soldiers serving in Afghanistan. ACC university transfer student and U.S. Marine veteran, Armando Barbosa (center), was recruited to draw the winning name. Assisting in the drawing was (left) History Club president Sarah Comstock, who personally raised $531, and vice president Fiamma Lujan. Raffle winner for a pair of tickets to the Carolina Panthers-Atlanta Falcons game on Nov. 3 was Amy Cook Bradford; Jon Spear won a $50 Best Buy card; and Jay Smith won a $25 Bone Fish Grill card.

Retired Trustee Honored

Alamance Community College trustees recently honored Russell R. Wilson, who served on the board since 1998 and whose tenure ended this year. Board chairman Carl R. Steinbicker thanked Wilson for his many years of hard work on behalf of ACC students, staff and faculty.

New Term

Dr. Richard N. "Dick" Fisher was recently sworn in to another term on the ACC Board of Trustees. Fisher has served since 1997.

Greetings

SGA President Chris Seip presented Dr. Algie Gatewood, new Alamance Community College President, with complimentary welcome gifts earlier this month.