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Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Alamance Community College

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV. 28-30
College Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

DEC. 4
Public Officials and Business/Industry Leaders Breakfast

DEC. 5
Last Day to Drop (2nd 8-week course) with WP

Exam Cram *(details on page 4)*

DEC. 10-13
Final Exams

DEC. 14
Saturday Classes End

DEC. 16
No Day Classes; Monday Night Classes Meet

DEC. 18
Payment Deadline for Early Spring Registrations

Meet the 2013-14 Student Ambassadors

Kimberly Calvey

Carrie Johnson Parker

Mairit Dunn

Kristen McCauley

Denora Mendez

Jaclyn Moseley

ACC has inducted ten new Student Ambassadors to join two senior ambassadors for the 2013-14 academic year. All were nominated by faculty or staff and selected by a screening committee.

The program was established in 1987 by the ACC Foundation and more than 200 students have represented the College since then. Their duties as ambassadors include representing ACC at public events, helping conduct tours for prospective students, and providing a link between the College and the local community.

This year's group includes:

Senior Ambassadors

Kimberly Calvey (Culinary Arts) relocated back home to North Carolina after living in New Orleans. Kim, married and mom to four children, works part-time for a restaurant, maintains a 3.75 GPA, and as a first-year culinary student was selected to ACC's Culinary Competition Team.

Carrie Johnson Parker (Nursing) graduated from Southern Alamance High School and first attended ACC as a dual enrolled student. She earlier served as Spanish Club president, was a member of the founding class for Sigma Delta Mu Spanish Honors Society, has served as a graduation marshal, and is a work study student in the library. Carrie is married and mom to a four year-old daughter. After graduation, Carrie's goal is to work in Duke pediatrics and attend Duke University to attain her MSN.

New Ambassadors

Mairit Dunn (University Transfer) is a native of Estonia, who has lived in the U.S. since her early twenties. She is a member of Sigma Psi, Phi Theta Kappa and the International Friendship Club on campus. She maintains a 4.0 GPA, has two children, and plans to transfer to UNCG to study accounting.

Kristen McCauley (University Transfer) graduated from Western Alamance High School and is a member of the CSTEP program at ACC. She plans to enroll at UNC Chapel Hill in fall 2014 to study nursing. She hopes to one day earn her doctorate in nursing, labor and recovery.

Denora Mendez (University Transfer) came to the U.S. from her native Mexico in the late 1980s with her family. She is a graduate of Lexington High School. The mother of two works part-time and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa at ACC. She hopes to earn her masters in nursing.

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STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

'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.

SIGMA PSI CHRISTMAS CHEER DRIVE

WHAT: Sigma Psi has begun a Christmas Cheer drive to help the elderly and underprivileged children of Alamance County.

WHEN/WHERE: Now through Wednesday, Dec. 4. Collection bins can be found at information desks (main building & Gee lobby) and at Dillingham Center.

NEEDED: Toys for children & food and warm clothing for elderly.

Christmas Cheer is a non-profit that provides Christmas assistance for Alamance County children in 8th grade or younger; and elderly 60 years and older.

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.

WIN MS TABLET WITH ROTARACT CLUB FUNDRAISER

WHAT: Rotaract Club members are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Microsoft Surface 2 Tablet with Wi-Fi–32gb.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Deadline to purchase tickets extended to Tuesday, Nov. 26 at noon. Tickets can be purchased from Rotaract advisor in A331 and A317 or at a table outside ACC bookstore from a club member.

TICKET PRICES: 1 ticket for $2, 3 tickets for $5, 8 tickets for $10, 20 tickets for $20.

DRAWING: The drawing will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 during club event beginning at noon, Student Center.

Proceeds go to the Rotaract Club to facilitate service projects this year.

DENTAL SPONSORS FOOD BANK DRIVE

WHAT: Food drive for the ACC Food Bank, sponsored by the Dental Assisting Club

WHEN: Now through Nov. 25.

BEST BET: Place non-perishable food in marked containers located at the main building entrance and outside Dental Assisting, Room 309. Contact to have donations picked up: Donna Pruitt at Donna.pruitt@alamancecc.edu

TOOTHBRUSH & CREST WHITE STRIP SALE

WHAT: Dental Assisting Club's annual toothbrush and Crest White Strip Sale

WHEN: Now

BEST BET: Look for flyers that designated days/times when club members manning tables for this sale: Oral-B toothbrushes for ALL ages $1; Professional Crest White Strips $30.

NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES

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

John Evans–5 years
Academic Support Specialist

Employee Update

Rashad Roberts joined ACC as Child Care Center Coordinator on Oct. 21. Most recently, she has served as an Early Childhood Education and Disabilities Manager since 2010 at Durham Early Head Start in Durham county, which included her experience as an Infant Toddler Specialist. She has also worked as an teacher ranging from Birth to Kindergarten; an administrator, director and an education consultant at various child care centers in Durham and Wake Counties. She has been in Early Childhood Education for almost nine years. She holds a B.S. in Special Studies and Business Management from Saint Francis College in Brooklyn, NY; and a M.Ed in Early Childhood Education from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

Lecia Booe, who had served as the College's Payroll Accounting Technician since 1992, has begun work as Senior Accounting Technician in the office of the ACC Foundation. She replaces the retired Carol Wade. At ACC, she earned a degree in Accounting in 1983 and a degree in Business Administration in 1987. Prior to her employment at ACC, Lecia gained experience in accounting with firms in Alamance County from 1985-92.

NEWS FROM FINANCIAL AID

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.

Scholarship Links for Latino students

NC Hispanic College Fund–due Jan. 15, 2014, no status restrictions. Apply at http://thencshp.org/programs/nc-hispanic-college-fund/

student snapshot

MICHELLE MINNIS

Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?

A. University transfer. I hope to have a career in the medical field.

Q. What you wish people knew about you–but probably don't?

A. I'm something of a nerd. I like comic books and Star Wars.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/ performed, etc.)?

A. Whenever I hit a homerun on the Southern Alamance softball team.

Q. Something you always wanted to do–but haven't yet?

A. Skydive.

Q. If you could visit any place in the world for free, where?

A. Amsterdam.

Q. Something you can't live without?

A. Food.

Q. TV program you try not to miss?

A. Family Guy.

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?

A. My late grandpa. I'd ask about his WWII experiences.

'Tree of Thanks' Ornament Sale Ends Nov. 27

WHAT: ACC Foundation is selling personalized Ornaments of Thanks to honor friends, family, instructors for $3 each or two for $5. Ornaments will be placed on the Tree of Thanks, located at main entrance. The funds support student scholarships through the ACC Foundation.

WHEN: Sale ends Wednesday, Nov. 27. Student ambassadors are manning tables near the tree, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (as class schedules allow). Ornaments may also be ordered at the Foundation Office, G200A.

BEST BET: Ornaments purchased in a person's memory can be claimed after Dec. 1 at the main information desk. Ornaments purchased to honor an ACC instructor or staff member are delivered to instructor/staff member after Dec. 2.

NEWS FROM ACC FOUNDATION

THE 2014 ACC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS were inducted recently. They are (l-r): Ami Hill, John Bellingham, Charlie Harris, Fairfax Reynolds, Sue Rich, Ed Hooks and Paul Mauney. Not shown: Aaron Noble and Ted Chandler.

Late ACC Alumnus Gives $30,000 for College Scholarship

The estate of the late Larry Hawkins, an Alamance Community College alumnus, has donated a $30,000 gift to the College. The funds are designated for an endowed scholarship for students with financial needs.

Hawkins, who died in September 2012 at age 53, was an Alamance County native and graduated from ACC in 1978 from the Automotive Systems Technology program. He was employed by the Orange County School Bus Garage and lived in Walnut Cove, NC.

Executor of the will is Tim Hawkins, a cousin to Larry Hawkins, who is employed at ACC by Aramark and teaches part-time in the Horticulture Technology program.

GET THE 411

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES & COUNSELING

The following clinics are held in the Academic Advising Center. Appointments not needed.

Career Clinic: Each Monday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Career Exploration
- Career Preparation
- Career Search

Resume Clinic: Each Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Resume Writing and Editing
- Job Specific Resumes
- Cover Letters and Applications

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.

WRITING CENTER HOURS

Mon.....8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues.-Thur....8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. .....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.

campus events

Get Ready for Exams with EXAM CRAM

Thursday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-12 Noon
Student Center

Tutors in various subject areas will be available to help students study for final exams.

Enjoy free snacks while you study.

Book Donations Needed for Sale

Books are being collected now for the 9th Annual Jean Slaughter Scholarship Book Sale, set for February 5. All proceeds from the book sale go toward supplementing the Jean Slaughter Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarded to students with financial need who are enrolled in the university transfer program. Jean Slaughter, English instructor and longtime head of university transfer, died in 2004.

DONATION LOCATIONS: Bring books now through early February to the office of Anne Helms (B206) or Dr. Marla Dunham (B211).

BOOKS NEEDED: General fiction, mysteries, craft and decorating books, cookbooks, children's books, how-to books, travel books, biographies and comic books.

TAX RECEIPT: Anyone who wishes to receive tax credit for their donations may pick up a Non-Cash Gift Acceptance Form from the ACC Foundation office in the Gee Building.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP: The scholarship, which pays full tuition and books to a university transfer student, has been awarded eight times. It is facilitated via the ACC Foundation and is currently funded at approximately $37,000.

ACC Student Desperate to Help Family in Philippines

Philippines native Merly Leon is an Office Administration student whose concern is overwhelming for her family in the nation hit by the recent super typhoon.

When the typhoon hit the Philippines, Merly was studying for a test at home in Alamance County and suddenly felt her heart race. She could not concentrate and turned on CNN where she saw the news about the disaster but few details. Communication was nonexistent. It took three days before she began to see desperate pleas from friends and family on Facebook and the media's first reports of the historic level of devastation. Merly found out her parents and sister survived their wrecked home, but that six other relatives died. No one has food or water.

Merly recently sent $100 of her own money via Western Union to her family in the Philippines. Now she just wants to go home and see them but cannot afford the $2,000 airline ticket.

"I am someone who never even asked for food stamps when I was starting out here," says Merly, who previously worked at Duke Energy payment center and now as a cashier at Flying J while studying at ACC. "I have never wanted to ask for help but flights are so expensive and I just want to get home to see and help my family."

WANT TO HELP? To assist Merly Leon, contact the ACC Foundation Office, G200A (506-4416).

Holiday Bazaar to Benefit Scholarship Fund

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
front of ACC bookstore

All proceeds benefit the Thelma Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund

BEST BET: Library staff is sponsoring this event. Come out for some holiday shopping while helping students. Thelma Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund is named for ACC library secretary who passed away in 2012.

Dustin Poe

Evelyn Rivera

Leah Shepherd

Jeffrey Webster

Alfred Williamson

AMBASSADORS from page 1

Jaclyn Moseley (Criminal Justice) graduated from Eastern Guilford High School. She enrolled at ACC after spending several years in the workplace. She is married and the mother of one child. She plans to pursue a career in criminal justice and continue her education.

Dustin Poe (Culinary Arts) graduated from Southwestern Randolph High School. He came to ACC to explore his passion for food and cooking. He is a leader on the Culinary Arts Competition Team and works at a fine dining restaurant in Chapel Hill.

Evelyn Rivera (University Transfer) graduated from Cummings High School. At ACC, she is an officer in Phi Theta Kappa and a work-study student in the Human Resources office. She plans to continue her education at UNC Chapel Hill to earn her BSN and work as a mid-wife.

Leah Shepherd (University Transfer) is a graduate of the ABSS Middle College located on the ACC campus. Since enrolling at the college, she has been on the Dean's List and is a member of Sigma Delta Mu. She plans to continue her education in radiography.

Jeffrey Webster (Horticulture Technology) came to ACC for the Career Transitions class via the Employment Security Commission. He enrolled in Horticulture Technology to pursue his interest in landscaping. He is a member of the FLORA Club, serves as a SGA officer, and represents ACC on a state-wide student leadership panel.

Allie Woody

Alfred Williamson (University Transfer) graduated from Orange High School. His love of music led to his participation in a band. At ACC, he has maintained a 4.0 GPA. He plans to transfer to a university to major in bio-statistics.

Allie Woody (University Transfer) is enrolled in the CSTEP program, which guarantees her admission to UNC Chapel Hill after completing her degree at ACC. She has been nominated to Phi Theta Kappa and plans to earn her RN/BSN and attend pharmacy school.

Electrical Cooperative Presents Scholarship to HVAC Student

Patrick Bray, a first-year student in ACC's Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration program, has received a $1,000 scholarship from Piedmont Electrical Cooperative. John Hines, Marketing Representative, made the check presentation at the ACC Foundation Office.

Hines said one reason that Piedmont Electrical Cooperative, based in Hillsborough, chose ACC to initiate this scholarship last year is because two other area community colleges do not have heating and air programs.

Present for the scholarship check presentation were (from left) Rodney Barber, Air Conditioning, Heating and Regfirgeration Department Head; Dr. Algie Gatewood, ACC President; student Patrick Bray; and John Hines, Piedmont Electrical Cooperative.

Bray, 26, of Snow Camp first enrolled at Sandhills Community College to study computer technology but switched to ACC and its heating and air program.

"I switched because heating and air is a career that keeps growing, that can't be outsourced. And I want a career that will pay well to help my family," said Bray, who plans to pursue his associate degree.

Department Head Rodney Barber gave a tour of the heating and air lab to John Hines and Rachael Benedict of Piedmont Electrical Cooperative.

Honoring ACC's Veterans

To commemorate Veterans Day in November, ACC's History Club hosted its annual breakfast (courtesy of the ACC Café) for the College's students and faculty who have served in the U.S. military. Among those who attended were: (above, l-r) Chuck Matheson (Air Force), accounting student; Sean Garland (Navy), university transfer; Mary Alva (Coast Guard), ACC alumna and graphic design assistant/Marketing Office; and Ron Hall (Navy), Dept. Head of Criminal Justice. (Above right) Randy Matthews (Army).

College Fair

Students talked to representatives from four-year colleges and universities at ACC's annual College Fair on November 21 to learn about transfer options after graduation from ACC.

Spanish Honor Society

Twelve students were inducted into Sigma Delta Mu, ACC's chapter of the National Honor Society for Hispanic Studies. They are left to right (front row) Abigail Long, Jessica Bradshaw, Evelyn Rivera, Carolena Johnson, faculty advisor Cristy Waugh, Victoria Hagopian, and Sarah Green; (back row) Alfred Williamson, Nicholas Goodman, Allie Woody, Ayana Williams, Makenzie Bollinger, and Emmalee Apple.

The Sound of Music Rings True for ABE Students

Sounds of music resonated inside Studio 1 at ACC's Dillingham Center on Nov. 21 as costumed students in the College's Adult Basic Education (ABE) literacy program performed show tunes from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music." Directing the proceedings was Rosemary Fischer, ABE instructor, who put her performers through their paces during rehearsals that began in August after these students performed "Climb Every Mountain" at the College's GED graduation ceremony. Music therapy is part of the ABE program for most students.

ACC Talent Show

The 4th annual ACC talent show, sponsored by the Music & Dance Club, raised $111 to help three local children during the holiday season. Brandi Speer, singing Foolish Games, was the winner and received a $25 Visa card. Second place was Joshua Lanning, dancing to a mixed music set, and winner of a $10 Amazon card. Third went to Micah Auler (left), singing and playing guitar to an original song, and winner of a $10 gift card to the ACC canteen. Judging was handled by Dr. Terry McNeill, Dr. Roger Lane and Jessica Orio. Pre-show entertainment was provided by the ACC Chorus under the direction of Dr. Roger Lane. *(photo submitted)*

Business Community Welcomes ACC President

Dr. Algie Gatewood, celebrating his first seven weeks as ACC president, was feted with a reception held at Glen Raven, Inc. to meet members of the Alamance County business community. The ACC Foundation coordinated the event and Culinary Arts provided refreshments.