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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
WebAdvisor Registration Closes, 3 p.m.

DEC. 19
All Registration Closed

DEC. 20
WebAdvisor Registration Opens, 8 a.m.

DEC. 24-JAN. 1
College Closed for Holidays

JAN. 2
WebAdvisor Registration Closes, 3 p.m.

JAN. 3-5
All Registration Closed

College Names Alamance County as 2013 Business Partner of Year

Alamance County was named Alamance Community College's 2013 Business Partner of the Year by the ACC Foundation at the annual Public Officials and Business and Industry Leaders Breakfast on December 4.

Celebrating Alamance County as ACC's 2013 Business Partner of the Year were (front, l-r) Dave Parker, Director of Dillingham Center; Gary Saunders, Dean of Continuing Education; David Smith, County Commissioners Chair; Dr. Algie Gatewood, ACC President; (back, l-r) Ron Hall, Dept. Head of Criminal Justice Technology; Tom Manning, County Commissioner; Sheriff Terry Johnson; Charlie Harris, President-Elect of ACC Foundation; Justin Snyder, Dept. Head of Horticulture Technology; Bill Lashley, County Commissioner; and Craig Honeycutt, County Manager

In announcing the award, Foundation Board member Charlie Harris said: "The organization being honored is one that touches many areas of the College, from Criminal Justice to Horticulture to the GED program and many others. This is an organization that…you would not necessarily think of operating in close day to day partnership with the community college. And yet several ACC programs could not function as effectively as they do without it."

Alamance County was recognized for its partnership with the College through the work of several agencies.

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Workforce Training a Joint Effort of College, ESC

Meet John Drake, a student in ACC's Computer-Integrated Machining program. Going to school to find a new career was not on his agenda three years ago. Back then, the Alamance County native worked as a refrigeration repair technician in eastern North Carolina. But then the rocky economy gripped the industry in which John made his living. He was laid off twice in ten months from two different companies. He moved back home to Alamance County with his wife and two children and filed for unemployment at the Employment Security Commission (ESC).

"I knew then I wanted to go back to school and learn something that wouldn't be so volatile," says John. "But I wasn't sure how to go about it."

Enter Joe Farinola, JobLink Counselor, who welcomed John into his office at the Employment Security Commission office in Burlington. For years, Farinola has been a link between the recently unemployed and the opportunities available at ACC.

John Drake

Through Farinola, John Drake learned about the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which provides financial opportunities for the unemployed to return

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STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

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.

NEWS FROM FINANCIAL AID

FOR UNIVERSITY TRANSFER STUDENTS

2014 Crumley Roberts Next Step Scholarship is for university transfer students. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2014. Students must download and print an application at www.crumleyroberts.com/community/scholarship-programs.php

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/

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Alamance County Sheriff's Office:

- Gives support to ACC's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee with Sheriff's employee Randy Jones serving as chair and Sheriff Terry Johnson as an active member.
- Provides guest speakers for Criminal Justice classes.
- Hires 15-20 ACC students as deputies, detention officers and detectives.
- Has donated approximately 25 vehicles since 2008, as well as numerous bullet-proof vests, holsters, duty belts, and firearms for use in the training offered by ACC.
- Gave ACC four police vehicles with blue lights and emergency equipment for training in 2013.

Alamance County Emergency Medical Services (EMS):

- Donated an ambulance and other equipment and materials to ACC's Emergency Medical Training program.
- Allowed a training officer to serve as an advisor to the paramedic program.
- Permitted EMT and paramedic students to perform required clinicals with Alamance County.
- Hired a majority of its paramedics from graduates of ACC's Paramedic program.

Alamance County Cooperative Extension Agency:

- Provides Mark Danieley, County Extension Director, as a member of the Horticulture Technology Advisory Committee.
- Welcomes ACC Horticulture students to the Cooperative Extension gardens to learn about specific plants and techniques.
- Sends individuals taking part in its Master Gardener program to tour the ACC greenhouses as part of their curriculum.
- Helps in recruiting students to ACC's Horticulture program through the auspices of the County Extension Director.
- Allows its Snap Dragon 4-H Club to meet at ACC once a month.

The Animal Shelter

***(operated by the City of Burlington but partly funded by Alamance County)*:**

- Staff provides co-ops for students in Animal Care and Management.
- Allows ACC groups to practice handling animals at the animal adoption center.
- Arranges for animal control officers and county veterinarians to serve as classroom speakers for the ACC program.
- Provides an animal control officer from the pet adoption center to serve on the Animal Care and Management Advisory Committee.

The Alamance County Health Department and Department of Social Services:

- Helps ACC's GED and Adult High School programs by providing publicity and client referrals.
- Provides a Health Department employee to serve on the Early Childhood Advisory Committee and provides SIDs prevention training to Early Childhood students.

The Alamance County Fire Marshall's Office:

- Serves on the Fire Protection program Advisory Committee.
- Provides use of an Air One truck for live fire training.

The Alamance County Board of Commissioners:

- Provide critical and valued funding for ACC's buildings and maintenance.

The annual Business Partner of the Year award recognizes local businesses or agencies that provide outstanding support to ACC students and graduates in the number and quality of volunteers provided to ACC; opportunities provided by the organization for current ACC students; the number of ACC graduates hired annually; and the level of philanthropic support to the ACC Foundation and College.

Prior winners of the Business Partner of the Year Award are LabCorp and ARMC (tie), 2006; Duke Energy, 2007; Kernodle Clinic, 2008; Chandler Concrete Company, Inc., 2009; Honda Power Equipment, 2010; Twin Lakes Retirement Community, 2011; and Glen Raven, Inc., 2012.

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to school and ultimately re-enter the workforce. John was awarded a WIA scholarship which led to his enrollment in ACC's machining program.

"I knew this was a good program with good job opportunities," says John.

While working toward his associate degree in machining—which he expects to earn in summer 2014 and then transfer to N.C. A&T State University—John attended ACC's job fair last spring and talked to a representative from GKN, Inc. Two weeks later, John interviewed with the company and was hired within two days.

"They said one big reason I got the job is because I'm studying machining here at ACC. That makes a difference to these companies," says John.

John's transition from the ranks of unemployed to college to new job was a direct result of services and programs available due to the longtime partnership between Alamance Community College and the Employment Security Commission.

To help adults who have lost their jobs decide which ACC career training course or program to take, the College developed the Career Transitions program at the main campus in 2004. This intensive five-week series of classes meets Monday through Friday, and focuses on five components, including Career Planning, and Assessment and Readiness. It also introduces participants to the programs ACC offers. Over the past nine years, more than 1,100 people have taken advantage of Career Transitions, and many have gone on to enroll at ACC and start new careers.

John Drake, now a student in ACC's machining program, found his way to the college by way of the Employment Security Commission.

According to Farinola, 542 unemployed people consulted with ACC staff at the ESC office for support, training, and registrations between January and October 2013. As a result of this counseling, 52 people are seeking their GED at ACC. To learn how to apply for jobs online, 96 people have taken ACC's Basic Computer Skills classes and 73 completed Information Technology classes over the past six months.

ACC offers two-day professional resume preparation workshops each week, taught by ACC instructor Paulette Powell at the ESC Burlington office. More than 160 people have taken advantage of this opportunity over the past six months. A new ACC offering is a two-day workshop, *Tips & Tricks for Getting Hired*.

"The administration, faculty and staff at ACC have been most supportive of these adult students and welcome their inclusion in their classes," says Marge Rogers, HRD Counselor with ACC's Continuing Education department. "This is a fine example of how offices and departments can work together to be effective in supporting its citizens."

"Not only has the economy changed, but how to look for work has changed," says Lisa Arnette, manager of ESC's Burlington site. "These classes give workers the skills they need to obtain employment. Our customers have given these classes excellent reviews and many attendees have found employment."

For more information about the ESC-ACC partnership and program offerings to the unemployed, contact Marge Rogers at 336-506-4402.

Instructor Paulette Powell helps a student in the Career Transitions class in ACC's Literacy Building.

GET THE 411

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 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.

ABOUT THE BOOK SALE: The sale is sponsored by the English Department and is for the benefit of the the ACC community (students, staff, and faculty). No booksellers are allowed to purchase books before 1 p.m.

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

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ACC Float Stars in Holiday Parades

Six programs in Industrial and Graphics Technologies at ACC contributed to the creation and mobility of a float entered in the Graham and Mebane Christmas parades. The float showcased the recent NC State Fair-winning "Alice in Wonderland" design by Horticulture Technology and Advertising and Graphic Design, but also helping make the float shine in the parades were Air Conditioning/Heating/Refrigeration Technology, Automotive Systems, Computer-Integrated Machining and Welding Technology. Students from several of these programs donned costumes to ride on the float.

Christmas Items Collected for Needy

Sigma Psi members operated a campus drive to collect toys and other items for Alamance County's Christmas Cheer campaign. Local children and elderly in need will receive the donations, a few of which are seen here with Sigma Psi members.

Full Class

All day students in Air Conditioning/Heating/Refrigeration recently packed a classroom to earn their TRACC pipe certifications that provides the skills needed to install gas piping for LP or natural gas. Dept. Head Rodney Barber invited Robert Holmes of Steve Lee & Associates to teach the class.

Toughing It Out

Prospective graduates of ACC's Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) fall class bucked up for the exhaustive final exam held at the sheriff's department law enforcement training center. The physical component included running, facilitating steps, 40 push ups and 40 sit ups, and dragging a limp "victim" from a patrol car—all performed rapid-fire in a timed exercise.

CSI–ACC Style

Students members of the Criminal Justice Club (pictured) hosted a staged crime scene in the student center, providing participants an opportunity to demonstrate their detective skills by solving a murder mystery and qualify to win a gas card. Proceeds from the participation fee totaled $132 and will be used to help a needy family for the holiday season. Winners whose detecting skills paid off were Kelly Traywick, Minam Macias, and Jodie Thompson.

Field Trip

Western Alamance High students toured Horticulture Technology's greenhouses during a visit to the College to learn more about the renewable and sustainable energy initiatives.

Public Officials and Leadership Breakfast

... held on December 4 on the Carrington-Scott main campus, was well attended by ACC admininstrators, county commissioners, business leaders, and numerous political figures. ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood presented the College's annual report to guests. Culinary Arts catered the event.

Care Packages for Soldiers

History Club members completed their annual fall project for the U.S. military, boxing up a record 44 holiday care packages weighing in at 461 pounds to send to troops serving in Afghanistan. The club solicited donations from ACC students and employees, which included 300 deodorant sticks, 100 sun screen and lip balm, 400 'shower in a bag' gifts, and 972 greeting cards created by local elementary students. Costing $623 in postage (collected through fundraising), the packages are expected to arrive in Afghanistan before the Christmas holiday. Said Singer, faculty advisor: "These are going mainly to soldiers who we're told don't often receive mail." Seen l-r (front) are Sherri Singer; Jordan Jarrett, Rocko Connally, Makenzie Bollinger; Michael Bresson; Bandie Poe; Harmonia Dilone; Kristen Summey; (back) Dave Crane, facult advisor; Timothy McKain; David Restrepo; Chris Seip; Jeff Garland; and Tram Nguyen.