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Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Alamance Community College

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN. 13
Drop/Add for Enrolled Students Only

JAN. 15
Student Development Tour, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

JAN. 20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday–College Closed

JAN. 22 & 23
Time Management Workshop, 11:15 a.m., Room 230

JAN. 29
Red Cross Bloodmobile, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *(details on pg. 6)*

ACC President is Keynote Speaker at MLK Jr. Celebration

The late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Algie Gatewood

The College hosts its annual celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Tuesday, January 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Algie Gatewood, President of Alamance Community College since October.

Dr. Gatewood spent most of his career in North Carolina, first at Anson Community College in Polkton, NC and later in the Office of the President at UNC Chapel Hill from 1997-2004. Prior to his arrival at ACC, he served as President of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in Oregon from 2004-2013. Dr. Gatewood grew up one of five children who worked in cotton fields to help his family income. Dr. Gatewood and his four siblings all graduated from college and have made careers as professionals.

ACC students participating in the celebration are Lauren Slattery, invocation; Samantha Hunter and Heidi Garcia, readings; and Muriel Freeland, music.

Students who attend will receive attendance slips for extra credit.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration is sponsored by the ACC Diversity Committee.

New Students: Activate 'ACC Alerts'

Since the fall semester, emergency alerts have been linked to all student, staff and faculty ACCess email accounts. Anyone who has a college email account is automatically enrolled.

However, participants have an option to add additional emergency phone numbers, including those for text messages, if they open an "ACC Alerts" account (from the ACC web home page, go to Services for Students, then Safety and Security, then ACC Alerts).

Says Ryan Hendricks, Security Supervisor: "Everyone gets an email alert. But we urge them to open an account and provide separate cell phone numbers. This way, they will get these emergency alerts in more than one outlet. It's a better way to contact people simultaneously."

Message types include any emergency situations on campus, and all weather alerts which last fall were used to inform students and employees about class delays.

No one with an ACCess email account can unsubscribe from the Alert Mass Notification System.

This is a publication of the Alamance Community College Public Information and Marketing Office. Read it on the web–**www.alamancecc.edu**, then click *Campus ACCess* under the News heading.

Campus Bookstore: Textbook Rentals Available

The Follett Bookstore initiated renting textbooks to ACC students this semester, a national trend designed to save students money.

Here's the 411:

- Financial aid can be used.
- A branded (Visa, MasterCard, etc.) credit card must be used for rentals. No matter how a student pays for rentals, a credit card must be swiped as collateral in the event a rental book is not returned or has been damaged by the end of the semester.
- Rental cost is about 50% of full purchase price (example: $100 book is rented for $50)
- Not all book titles are available for rental.
- Students may use the rental as if they purchased the textbook outright (ex. highlighting and underlining is allowed). Like a previously-owned textbook, the rental must be in good shape for resale.

Says Scott Steger, Textbook Manager: "We are excited to add rental as another way for students to save money on textbooks in store. This has been something that we have been excited to add for our students for a long time. Rental, along with the digital textbooks that we sell, can really help with the financial burden that school materials can bring every year. The students that we have talked to seem as excited about this as we are."

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.

WRITING CENTER HOURS

Mon.....8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues.-Thur....8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. .....8 a.m.-3 p.m.

To make an appointment:

- Register at alamance.mywconline.com
- Visit the Writing Center

Walk-ins are acceptable when appointments are not full.

NEWS FROM FINANCIAL AID

FOR UNIVERSITY TRANSFER STUDENTS

2014 Crumley Roberts Next Step Scholarship is for university transfer students. Deadline is Feb. 1. 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, no status restrictions. Apply at http://thencshp.org/programs/nc-hispanic-college-fund/

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

I Have A Dream $1,500 Scholarship–Deadline: Jan. 31. Apply at: scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/dream/

Advice to your High School Self Scholarship, $2,500–Deadline: Jan. 31. Apply at: http://campusdiscovery.com/start

The Community College STEM Scholarship–a one-year, non-renewable award of $1,000 for students enrolled full time (minimum of 12 credit hours) at a North Carolina Community College. Students must be majoring in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) field and be interested in pursuing a career that supports NASA's mission including careers in the aerospace sector. Deadline: Feb. 3. Apply at: http://ncspacegrant.org/index.php?page=community-college-stem-scholarship-program

Accounting Scholarship: North Carolina CPA Foundation offers multiple scholarships annually to students who either have a four year degree or are planning to pursue a four year degree and study accounting.

Qualifications:

- Completed at least one college or university-level accounting course
- Completed at least 36 semester hours (or equivalent) by the start of the spring semester of the year of application
- 3.0 GPA
- Submit an application with a completed essay by Feb. 12 at www.NCACPA.org.
- Questions? Contact Grace Holton at 506-4212.

2014 Campus Rules For Students

Parking

- **All vehicles must be registered with the College.** The 2013-14 teal-colored decal must be displayed with the number visible. Decals may be picked up at the Information Desk in the main entrance.
- **Students are not permitted to park in Visitor Parking unless pre-authorized.** If you are driving an alternate vehicle, park in the designated student lots and not in visitor spaces. Obey traffic signs and security directing traffic. Campus speed limit is 10 mph.
- **Do not leave books, CDs, purses or other valuables visible in your vehicle.** Secure these items out of sight. Do not leave vehicles unlocked.
- **Students may pick up a copy** of the ACC campus security brochure, available at the Security Office near the main entrance.

Smoking

- **Smoking is in the designated gazebo smoking areas only.** Use the trash receptacles provided there.

Miscellaneous

- **Tidy up after yourselves in the commons and snack bar areas.** Dispose of trash in the provided receptacles and return cafeteria trays to the designated return areas.
- **Children are not permitted in classrooms during instructional hours;** nor are children to be left unattended.

Need a Security Officer? Call 2286 on campus and 506-4286 from your cell phone or off campus.

Student Writers Honored with Awards

Students last fall practiced their creative writing skills in competition for the annual Student Writing Contest and winners were announced on Dec. 4 at an awards reception. All first place winners will be published in this spring's campus literary magazine, *The Explorer*.

ACADEMIC ESSAY

1st: Chelsea Bradshaw – *Her Tomb By the Sounding Sea*

2nd: Jeffrey P. Garland – *Influences on Hemingway*

3rd: Emily Morgan Paschal – *Transcendentalism vs. Dark Romanticism*

4th: Emily Morgan Paschal – *Support for and Challenges to the Cult of Domesticity*

PERSONAL ESSAY

1st: Matthew Flood – *All I Had*

2nd: John Gorman – *Phyllis the Sizzler*

3rd: Hannah Brewer-Jensen – *Remember Me*

4th: Samantha Hunter – *A Life Changing Moment*

FICTION

1st: Brandon Torres – *No Hablo Español*

2nd: Leia Faith Eller – *Rock A Bye Baby*

3rd: Gersom Leon – *Opposites*

4th: Melirose Dobbs – *Anna*

POETRY

1st: Leslie E. Smith – *Whisper of Lies*

2nd: Alyssa Ferry – *Ever Since We Met*

3rd: Jody Travis Sharpe – *Once in a While*

4th: Tatiana Smith – *I'm Sorry I'm Not Like You*

Inclement Weather Schedule

With the unpedictable winter season in full swing, keep this information in mind:

- **Decisions affecting the delay or cancellation of classes are announced on TV and radio as soon as conditions warrant.**
- **Changes in schedule are posted on ACC's web site** (www.alamancecc.edu) and on the College's switchboard recording (336-506-4ACC) depending on continuation of Internet and phone service to the College.
- **Class schedule changes**–An announcement is made when classes will resume normal schedules. For example: if classes resume a normal schedule at 9:00 a.m., all classes that start at 9:00 a.m. and later will be held as scheduled. All classes that start before 9:00 a.m., but which extend past the announced starting time, will meet then and follow the normal schedule.

Faculty/Staff Writing Winners Announced

Winners were announced for the Fall 2013 faculty/staff writing competition. First place winners in each category will appear in this spring's literary magazine, *The Explorer*.

NARRATIVE/STORY

Faculty

1st: Shanda Ingle – *Dreams Really Do Come True*

2nd: Susan Dalton – *Wrong*

3rd: Olivia Stogner – *Wyndham*

Honorable Mention (HM): Susan Dalton– *Women Less Attractive Than I Am*; Vance Elderkin – *The Collapse of Western Civilization*

Staff

1st: Ed Williams – *Emerald Reflections Revisited*

2nd: Mary Brousseau-Davis – *American Dreamers*

3rd: Valerie Whitley – *Let Go, Let Flow: How and Why Society's Views Toward Interracial Heterosexual Relationships Have Changed from the 1960s Until Today*

HM: Ed Williams – *Billie's Popcorn*

POETRY

Faculty

1st: Alexandra DeSiato Marano – *Things Lost*

2nd: Dr. Marla Dunham – *The Grading Chair*

3rd: Missi Brandewie – *Fisher of Words*

HM: Dr. Marla Dunham – *Tired Feet: For Ms. Rosa Parks*; Olivia Stogner – *Silhouette Catcher*

GET THE 411

SKILLS LAB HOURS

The Skills Lab is now open on Fridays until 3:00 p.m.

BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SALE

Books are being collected now for the 10th 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.*

NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES

SERVICE AWARDS

Two employee received a service pin at the January faculty/staff meeting for their years of service to the College.

Serena Fenton–5 years
Instructor, Computer Information Technology

Sherry Miller–35 years
Financial Aid/VA Technician

Who Are ACC's Teachers of the Year?

Alma Thompson, Nursing Dept. Head, was last year's Faculty Member of the Year.

Do you know an ACC instructor who deserves recognition for his or her excellent teaching skills?

The Faculty Affairs Committee is now receiving nominations from each of the four curriculum divisions in order for faculty to select a:

- Full-time instructor as the College's faculty member of the year recipient
- Part-time faculty member from each of the four curriculum divisions

Nominations are requested from each division: Health and Public Services, Arts and Sciences, Business Technologies, Industrial and Graphics Technologies, and Continuing Education.

All faculty, credit and non-credit, who taught at least one course during the summer of 2013 or the current academic year (2013-2014), are eligible for consideration.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to nominate instructors. Write a letter of nomination, outlining why the instructor is worthy of the honor including any accomplishments in the area of advising.

All nomination letters, including those for instructors teaching at the Dillingham Center, should be sent to Alex Bailey (mailbox #105) on the Carrington-Scott Campus.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is Wednesday, Jan. 29.

English Instructor Published

Dr. Marla Dunham

ACC English instructor Dr. Marla Dunham was published in a national journal last fall. Her article, "Celebration and Loss in American Literature through Georgia O'Keeffe," was published in a special issue of *Community College Humanities Review* Fall 2013, which was devoted to articles about O'Keeffe. Said Dunham: "These articles resulted from the workshop on O'Keeffe for community college instructors which I was privileged to attend in the summer of 2012. The workshop was sponsored by the National Endowment of the Humanities."

Computer Information Technology Names Department Head

Lakeisha Vance

Lakeisha Vance is the new Department Head of Computer Information Technology, replacing the retired Michael Dunklebarger. She has been employed at ACC since 2004 as an instructor in Web Technologies, where she developed the majority of that program's AAS degree. She also served as Interim Distance Learning Coordinator in 2012. At UNC Greensboro, Lakeisha earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Information Systems, and in 2004 a Master of Science in Information Technology and Management. Her previous employment includes stints at ECPI College of Technology as a technical instructor; at AT&T Connectivity Solutions as a Web developer and programmer analyst; and at Forsyth Technical Community College as an adjunct instructor.

Graphic Design Names Interim Dept. Head

Denise Archuleta

Instructor Denise Archuleta has been named Interim Department Head of Advertising and Graphic Design following the December retirement of Kirk Puckett. Archuleta began her career with ACC in 2000 as a part-time instructor and became full-time in January 2002. She earned an associate degree in mechanical drafting and design from Forsyth Tech in 1979. For the next eleven years, she worked at Sandia National Labs, Kirkland AFB in Albuquerque, NM, first as a design draftsman and later as supervisor of the computer graphics department. She later worked at AT&T and at Lucent Technologies in McLeansville, NC.

Officer of the Quarter

ACC campus security officer James Tripp (left) was named Officer of the Quarter for the third quarter 2013. Security Supervisor Ryan Hendricks made the presentation.

Working to restore veterans' benefits for BLET students were ACC's (l-r) Dr. Carol Disque, Sherry Miller, Tony Holland, Dave Parker and Gary Saunders.

Veterans' Benefits Now Pay for BLET Students

Military veterans who enroll in ACC's Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program can now use their government benefits to help pay for their tuition costs.

This is a change from recent allowances. When the BLET program was part of ACC's curriculum, veterans could use their military benefits as payment. But once BLET was moved to Continuing Education (CE), the benefits stopped because the NC State Approval Agency in Raleigh determined that only degree and diploma programs could be approved for VA benefits. BLET is a certificate program.

"We were losing students to other schools where they could receive the VA benefits," said Gary Saunders, Dean of Continuing Education at ACC. "We lost three students last semester because they could not get VA benefits. Most other schools offered their BLET courses through curriculum."

ACC put together a team who worked to achieve VA benefits for BLET students: Dr. Carol Disque, Dean of Student Development; Sherry Miller, Financial Aid/VA Technician; Tony Holland, Coordinator of Law Enforcement Training; Dave Parker, Director of Occupational Extension; and Gary Saunders, Dean of Continuing Education.

Said Saunders: "There are standards of progress, attendance and conduct requirements that must be met for VA benefits to be issued. The academic, admissions, and student finance policies for CE courses are usually not consistent with the school's curriculum programs and therefore needed to be enhanced for approval to be considered. It required a lot of documentation."

FAQ

Q. Do all NC community colleges provide VA benefits for BLET?

A. All community colleges in North Carolina provide VA benefits to students in curriculum programs. Continuing Education programs must be looked at on an individual basis for VA approval. Very few continuing education programs are approved for VA benefits.

Q. How much of BLET tuition do VA benefits pay?

A. It depends on the type of VA benefit the student is receiving. Post 9/11 will pay tuition up front for veterans depending on the entitlement for which they are eligible. It could be 40-100 percent of tuition depending on the years of military service; veterans would also receive a book stipend up to $500 per semester and a basic housing allowance up to $878 a month. Montgomery GI Bill recipients would pay their tuition out-of-pocket and receive a monthly entitlement of up to $1,400 while enrolled full-time. Several other VA educational benefits are available that pay monthly benefits according to the type of military service.

Q. Who is contact person for vets interested in this?

A. Students interested in BLET should contact Tony Holland, Coordinator of Law Enforcement Training, about admission requirements; and Sherry Miller, Financial Aid/VA Technician, for required VA documentation requirements.

BLET students practice real-world applications.

campus events

Writing Center Grammar Workshops–Spring

Students may sign up for a workshop in the Writing Center by emailing writingconsultation@alamancecc.edu or (pending space availability) may arrive without an appointment at the proper time.

Grammar and Sentence Structure for ESL Students

- **Jan. 23 & 24: Sentence Patterns**
- **Jan. 30 and 31: Understanding Verb forms and Tenses**

Each ESL workshop meets three times: Thursday, 9:30-10:25 a.m. & 12:45-1:40 p.m.; Friday, 12:40-1:35 p.m.

Grammar Brush-Ups

- **Jan. 28 & 29: Untangling Sentences**
- **Feb. 4 & 5: Tightening Wordy Sentences**

Each brush-up workshop meets four times: Tuesday, 9:30-10:25 a.m. & 12:45-1:40 p.m.; Wednesday, 10:10-11:05 a.m. & 12:40-1:35 p.m.

Big Book Sale Feb. 5

WHAT: Annual Jean Slaughter Scholarship Book Sale

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

WHERE: Front of College Bookstore

PRICES: Hardbacks $2, Paperbacks $1

ABOUT THE SALE: The sale is sponsored by the English Department and benefits Jean Slaughter Scholarship Fund for university transfer students. Slaughter, who taught English for many years at ACC, was instrumental in the development and growth of the University Transfer program. *No booksellers are allowed to purchase books before 1 p.m.*

Student Activities Calendar

STUDENT SERVICES TOUR. Wed., Jan. 15: 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Guided tour for students. Meet in front of the bookstore.

MEET, GREET & EAT WITH ACC PRESIDENT. Tues., Jan. 28. SGA is hosting a meet and greet lunch with ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood once per month for the spring semester. Stop by for a free lunch provided by SGA, and a chance to meet and interact with Dr. Gatewood. To sign up, email John.Evans@alamancecc.edu. Space is limited.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Wed., Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the bloodmobile. Sign up for an appointment at: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: ACC. Or email John.Evans@alamancecc.edu.

TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP. Jan. 22 & 23, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Room 230.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING. Mon., Jan. 27, 12:30 p.m. Room 230.

Career Exploration Workshops

Room 230 (Student Activities Center)

Tuesday, Jan. 28

11:15 a.m.-12 noon and 5:15-6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 11:15–12 noon

2013-14 ACC Student Ambassadors

(L-r): Kimberly Calvey, Carrie Johnson Parker, Mairit Dunn, Kristen McCauley, Denora Mendez, Jaclyn Moseley, Dustin Poe, Evelyn Rivera, Leah Shepherd, Jeffrey Webster, Alfred Williamson, and Allie Woody.

Writing Across the Curriculum Workshops: Faculty

Workshops for faculty are held in Room B200. For more information contact Courtney Doi, Writing Center Coordinator, ext. 4294.

Low Stakes Writing–Helping Students 'Write to Learn'
Wednesday, Jan. 22
2:30-3:30 p.m.

MLA and APA Documentation Refresher
Monday, Feb. 17
2:30-3:30 p.m.

campus life

Benefactor McBane Honored with Conference Room Dedication

Family, co-workers, and friends gathered in ACC's Powell Building on December 16 to honor the late Audrey McBane with a named conference room in the Nursing Department in recognition of her major financial contribution to an ACC Foundation nursing scholarship.

The Audrey McBane Scholarship was initiated by Kernodle Clinic in 1993 upon McBane's retirement from that facility where she worked for many years as a nurse and administrator. The scholarship has helped with the tuition cost of nursing students. Following the death last year of Audrey McBane's husband, the remainder of the McBane estate is now being added to the scholarship fund.

According to Carolyn Rhode, Executive Director of the ACC Foundation, the value of the McBane bequest—once the estate is settled—will be in excess of $275,000. This bequest will be added to the Audrey K. McBane Nursing Scholarship endowment held by the ACC Foundation.

The augmented scholarship is expected to support up to eight nursing students annually.

Alma Thompson, Department Head of Nursing at ACC, helped unveil a new portrait of Audrey McBane that now hangs in the renamed conference room. A plaque designating the conference room as the Audrey and George McBane Conference room is displayed on the door of the room.

Addressing an audience of McBane's family and former co-workers, ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood said, "Today's event is representative of the support that ACC gets from the community. We are a college of the community and the community is truly represented today… We are so honored to be the recipient of this significant bequest from Audrey and George McBane's estate."

Sue Rich, ACC Foundation Board President, said, "Last year the ACC Foundation was able to assist more than 650 students to achieve their dream of a college education at ACC. Hundreds of individuals and organizations joined together to make that assistance possible. However, the challenge continues and as a board member, I know we cannot stop seeking assistance for those students who have the potential and just need the opportunity."

In addition to the many McBane family members, guests included Kevin Bilson, President of Kernodle Clinic; Kathy Hines, HR Director of Kernodle Clinic; Mike Lunsford, Associate Administrator of Kernodle Clinic; Sheriff Terry Johnson; and Dr. Earl Danieley, former President of Elon University.

Martial Arts Enthusiasts

Instructor Susan Dalton and her Aikido class display a *shomeshio*, artwork created by a Japanese calligraphy master whom she saw last summer during a visit to her Aikido master teacher in Japan. Her teacher in Greensboro had commissioned this shomeshio for ACC's aikido classes. The *shomeshio* is translated as "Aikido" and is displayed for special occasions—this being a final exam for the students in December. This spring a Friendship Seminar is planned on the ACC campus, which brings together dozens of Aikido enthusiasts from around North Carolina.

Community Spirit

The Spanish Club in December sponsored a local needy family as its Christmas Cheer community service project, using $245 raised to purchase gifts and necessities. Club faculty advisor is Kouassi Yao. Pictured are Spanish club members on a field trip to La Cocina restaurant in Burlington after meeting with the Christmas Cheer family. (photo submitted)

Holiday Spirit

Criminal Justice Club members delivered toys and food items they collected to the Alamance County Department of Social Services in early December for distribution to needy families during the recent holiday season. The ACC students delivered items that filled two cars. Seen with the collected items are (l-r) faculty advisor Rodney Ellis and students Lucero Diaz and Eric Ayers.

Helping the Needy

Sigma Psi members operated a campus drive to collect toys and other items for Alamance County's Christmas Cheer campaign last fall. Local children and the elderly received the donations in December. Faculty advisors are John Neathery and Ben Shirley.