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4,605* curriculum students
As of Jan. 25, 2013

*Includes most of the high school students
Source: Student Development

Students, Employees Invited to Voice Ideas on ACC's Next President

The Alamance Community College Board of Trustees is seeking ideas and input from students, staff, faculty and alumni during its Presidential Selection process.

The Board of Trustees will hold an open forum 3:00-4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, to ask the ACC family: What traits and characteristics do you desire in a new College President? The open forum will be in the auditorium on the Graham campus.

College trustees hope to engage the larger community in developing a thoughtful and robust candidate profile to guide them in their deliberations.

ACC President Dr. Martin Nadelman, who has led the College since 1999, announced he will retire, effective Oct. 1.

A subcommittee of College trustees has been meeting in recent weeks to outline the process and timetable in selecting ACC’s next president. In addition, the Board has retained the consulting services of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees.

The Presidential Search Committee has tentatively set mid-July as a deadline for approving the new President.

Local Attorney, Students Lead MLK Observance

Students and employees celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 24 as part of the College’s “Living the Dream” annual observance, sponsored by the Diversity Committee.

Keisha Bluford, a family law and criminal attorney with a solo practice in Graham, was keynote speaker. The theme of her message centered on lessons learned from personal struggles and imperfections.

“We can learn more from an imperfect king than from a perfect king,” she said. “And being imperfect does not prevent greatness.”

Bluford asked the audience to think about something in their lives they wish they could expunge from their past. She said when she and her husband were in college, they had their first child. The financial strain led them to use food stamps for a time. But she said she would not change that part of her life.

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**Write to Succeed**

**WHY IT’S IMPORTANT**

**SPRING 2013 FOCUS AT ACC: WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM, “WRITE TO SUCCEED”**

Take our word for it, the ability to write well is crucial to getting and keeping a job. No matter the position, most jobs involve writing of some kind. The quality of writing can often determine whether an applicant is hired or not.

**Did You Know?**

- 80% indicated that poor writing skills would almost always or frequently count against job applicants in the hiring process.
- 77% assessed the writing skills of job applicants in their resume or cover letter.
- 68% of local companies almost never provide writing training to employees with poor writing skills.

**ACC’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a five-year plan to enhance student writing across all curriculum.**

**What is ACC’s goal?**

The goal of QEP is to develop students’ written communication skills by creating a “Culture of Writing” where the value of writing is emphasized and reinforced college-wide. The College wants writing to be seen as an important tool for thinking and learning in all classes. ACC instructors will train on how to create, use and grade different types of writing assignments to help students learn and be prepared for the workforce.

By training faculty in Writing across the Curriculum strategies, the College will institute a cultural shift at ACC in the way writing is viewed, assigned and assessed. With faculty using writing in their classrooms more frequently, students will understand the importance of writing, which will result in improved skills. With their improved written communication skills, students will be better prepared for the workplace and more competitive in the hiring process.

**How will this help students?**

- ACC will create a campus Writing Center to open in August 2013.
- The Writing Across the Curriculum Program will provide workshops, a writing style guide and classroom interventions to help students enhance their writing skills.
- ACC will implement an early alert system for writing deficiencies. If students are struggling with writing, ACC will help them find the resources they need.

“Write To Succeed” was the winning entry submitted last fall by student Sydni Harris for a recent contest which asked students and ACC employees to come up with a name for 2013’s student writing initiative, sponsored by the College’s Quality Enhancement Project team. The contest had 135 entries.
CAMPUS HOSTS MARTIAL ARTS SEMINAR
The Alamance Community College campus, in conjunction with the Greensboro Kodokan Aikido Dojo, will host the Piedmont Aikido Friendship Seminar this Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3.

WHAT: High-ranking Aikido teachers from Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Hillsborough, and Charlotte will share their martial arts skills in the Aikido discipline. Aikido, a defensive martial art, is sometimes called the Art of Peace. The term “dan” is the equivalent of “black belt.”

BEST BET: This event is free to Aikido students currently enrolled in Susan Dalton’s Aikido class at ACC. Interested observers are invited to watch.

WHERE/WHEN: ACC’s Student Activities Center, beginning at 9:30 each morning and running until 3:15 p.m. with a lunch break 12:30-1:45 p.m.

WHO: The instructors are Jay Speetjens, 4th dan, Greensboro Kodokan Aikido Dojo; Charlene Reiss, 4th dan, Triangle Aikido (Durham); Steven Kaufmann, 6th dan, Open Sky Aikikai (Hillsborough); Charles Huff, 4th dan, Charlotte Aikikai; Dennis Main, 5th dan, Aikido of Charlotte; Bill Bunn, 6th dan, Joskikan Dojo (Raleigh).

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- The US Army Women’s Foundation is offering a merit scholarship up to $1,000 to U.S. Army women and their lineal descendants at the community college or 4-year academic level. Information and scholarship application can be obtained in the Financial Aid office or at info@awfdn.org. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1.
- I Have A Dream $1,000 Scholarship—Deadline: January 31
  Apply at: www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm
- Advice to your High School Self Scholarship, $2,500—Deadline: Jan. 31
  Apply at: http://campusdiscovery.com/start
- Next Big Thing $1500 Scholarship—Deadline: Feb. 28
  Apply at: www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm
- United Realty Students $10,000 Scholarship—Deadline: March 1
  Apply at: www.scholarshipexperts.com/notes/urp.jsp
- Superpower $2,500 Scholarship—Deadline: March 31
  Apply at: www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm

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because “it’s part of who I am. I have firsthand knowledge about struggling. And I used those resources to go from point A to point B in my life…My circumstances don’t define me.”

Like Dr. King, she said, all of us are prone to imperfections and struggles but we can still follow a path to greatness. “Unlike Dr. King,” she said, “I can’t find my name in a dictionary. But that only means I can write my own definition of who I am.”

She concluded her message by singing a portion of a gospel tune called “I Won’t Complain.”

Students also participated in the celebration. Horticulture Technology student Patrick Powell, an ordained minister, led the invocation. Abigail Helms read two poems: “We Wear the Mask” by Paul Laurence Dunbar and “Touched By an Angel” by Maya Angelou. Muriel Freeland sang two gospel numbers.

SKILLS LAB OFFERS TUTORING

The Academic Skills Lab has skilled tutors available in a variety of subjects. Peer tutoring is also available.

For subjects/days/times, contact Bill Fonville at 506-4167.

Tutoring is available throughout the week, day and evening, in: Biology, Chemistry, English, Geology, Information Systems, Math, Office Administration, Physics, Psychology, Reading, Sociology, Spanish, and more.

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ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

Located near the lower commons in the main building, the Academic Advising Center offers:

- Academic planning
- Course selection
- Career planning
- University transfer assistance
- ACCess account setup
- WebAdvisor navigation & registration
- Facilitation of selected workshops throughout the academic year
- Access to Add/Drop and Change of Information forms

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon., 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tue-Thur, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri., 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
DINNER IS SERVED! Culinary Arts students now serve meals each week: International buffet each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. in A238. Buffet meals are $8 and carry-out is available. Cafeteria-style menu each Thursday at 11:15 a.m. & 5:15 p.m. for $7. Salads grown in Horticulture’s hydroponic greenhouse (vegetables grown without use of soil) will be featured each week.

VALENTINES FOR SOLDIERS. The History Club is collecting hard candy and cards for our troops in Afghanistan for Valentine’s Day. Help “Fill a Heart” by donating items at the Information Desks in the main building and Gee Building, or contact Dave Crane (506-4295) or Sherri Singer (506-4396) for pick up.

ACC’S ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION was held last week in the auditorium.

Keynote speaker Keisha Bluford

Patrick Powell, student

Muriel Freeland, student

Abigail Helms, student

Campus Life