SGA President, Biotechnology Student Nominated for Statewide Awards

Two high-achieving students are the College’s nominees for two separate state awards.

2013 Dallas Herring Achievement Award
The Dallas Herring Achievement Award was established by the North Carolina Community College System and honors the late Dr. Dallas Herring, whose philosophy of “taking people where they are and carrying them as far as they can go” is the guiding principle of the community college system.

Meet ACC’s Nominee. Heather Gillette, 41, of Snow Camp, enrolled in ACC’s Biotechnology program in the spring 2009 semester. A native of Vermont, Gillette moved to North Carolina in 1993, and worked a variety of jobs over the years, from textile mill worker to road construction employee. While employed in the latter as an inspector for an I-85 project, a friend persuaded her to apply to Brock Cabinets, a kitchen furniture manufacturer, where over a ten year period she went from technician to sales to designer.

But in 2009 the housing market declined and Heather was laid off as orders for kitchen cabinets declined. Working part-time, she enrolled at ACC for math and English classes with the idea of one day earning her bachelor’s degree. She grew interested in the Biotechnology program and little by little she has earned her credits toward her associate’s degree. She expects to graduate this year or next.

“I’ve loved learning about the biotechnology field, especially since I’ve always had an interest in math and science,” says Heather. “I hope to get into agricultural research and development in the future after I earn my degree from ACC.”

Each North Carolina college may nominate one student or alumnus for the Dallas Herring Achievement Award. From the nominations, a committee of college presidents, community college system staff, and State Board of Community Colleges members will select one state-wide winner. Announcement of the state-wide winner is expected in early March.

2013 Governor Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award
The Governor Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award was created by the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents as a way to highlight outstanding curriculum student leadership and service.

Meet ACC’s Nominee. Chelsea Greenhaw of Mebane is president of both the Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She is working toward an associate’s degree and plans to transfer to NC State University to study fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology. She hopes to work with zoos, state parks, conservation, and environmental or animal focused non-profit organizations.

Says Chelsea: “My true leadership journey began here at ACC. The college offers such an amazing environment to develop as a student leader, and so

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SGA Calendar of Events

BLACK HISTORY MONTH QUIZ. SGA is sponsoring a daily trivia question during February. Questions are posted on Facebook (Alamance Community College SGA). Those with correct answers can stop by the SGA office (228) for a treat.

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER. Kenston Griffin will present a motivational message titled “Raising the Bar.” Griffin is a professional speaker, best-selling author, and peak performance coach. Student attendance slips will be available.

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: ACC auditorium

SOCIAL MEDIA PROFESSIONAL ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP. Sponsored by the Advising Center, this workshop demonstrates how students may be perceived by online activity. Refreshments and attendance verification will be provided.

WHEN: Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 20-21, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
WHERE: G119 (computer lab on the first floor).

DR. KING’S “I HAVE A DREAM” SPEECH SCREENED. To celebrate Black History Month, the History Club will screen Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech in its entirety as delivered at the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963 (2013 is the 50th anniversary of the event). Student attendance slips will be available.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 21, 2-2:45 p.m.
WHERE: ACC auditorium


Have an idea for SGA events you’d like to see? Send an email to: SGA@alamancecc.edu.

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many mediums to do so, such as clubs, volunteer opportunities, and chances to grow in and out of the classroom.”

Chicago exhibited leadership qualities at ACC prior to joining SGA’s executive board. During her first semester, she headed a project to collect supplies and funds for Operation Christmas Child, resulting in putting together more than 80 shoe boxes filled with small gifts for underprivileged children.

“It was my first time ever being in a leadership role, and SGA was extremely supportive of my mission,” says Chelsea. “I grew so much as a person and a leader while running that project, and I could not have done it without the support of ACC faculty and staff.”

Each community college may nominate one student for this award. The Student Government Association (SGA) selects and recommends one student to the College president. Six finalists are selected from regions of the state. One award winner is selected by community college representatives, including college presidents. The state award winner receives a plaque and $1,000; finalists receive $250. Announcement of the state-wide winner is expected in April.

The Governor Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award is named for Alamance County native, Governor Robert W. Scott who, with his aunt Elizabeth Scott Carrington, donated farmland on which Alamance Community College stands today. The historic archives of the Scott family are housed in ACC’s Scott Family Collection in the Gee Building across from the library.

Important to Know...

ACC SECURITY/EMERGENCY: INSIDE ACC—DIAL 2286
OUTSIDE—DIAL 506-4286

The College recommends students and employees add these numbers to their cell phone directories.
Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?
A. University transfer. ACC makes financing easier, and I hope to study Business Administration at UNCG.

Q. What you wish people knew about you—-but probably don’t?
A. I’m extremely nice and love to sing.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/ performed, etc.)?
A. I received a $100 savings bond when I graduated from the DARE program years ago.

Q. Something you always wanted to do—but haven’t yet?
A. Go on a cruise.

Q. Something you can’t live without?
A. The love of my life.

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

Q. TV program you never miss?
A. Vampire Diaries.

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FLOWERS FOR VALENTINE’S DAY were sold on Feb. 14 by Horticulture’s Flora Club as a fundraiser, as seen here with club members (from left) PATRICK POWELL, BEN SACONN, and (in background) RYAN WINKLER.

PHONATHON TARGETS $30,000 GOAL. Student Ambassadors are giving up their evenings three nights a week throughout February to make calls to alumni during the ACC Foundation’s annual phonathon to raise money for the student scholarship fund. More than $12,000 had been raised by Feb. 12. Among the ambassadors having fun while phoning were ELISA ABLE (right), Culinary Arts student; and RYAN WINKLER (left), Horticulture Technology student.

AIKIDO DEVOTEES. ACC’s Student Activities Center was the site of much activity as 75 martial arts students jousted at the Piedmont Aikido Friendship Seminar, sponsored by Greensboro Kodokan Aikido Dojo. The weekend seminar consisted of six classes, taught by high-ranking Aikido teachers from Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, and Hillsborough. ACC students, who are enrolled in Susan Dalton’s on-campus Aikido class, were among the participants and included Cain Philbrook, Sara Gallis, Abigail Helms, Scarlett McDonald, Ebony Leath, Victoria Delaney, John Hagerman, Otto Afanador and Lori Heiger; other ACC students who attended were Carlos Mosqueda, Victor Sanchez-Morales, and Joshua Wise. PICTURED: (above, center) ACC student EBONY LEATH and DAVID NEVILLE, a German professor at Elon, work on a “moving-from-one’s-center” exercise; (at left) ACC student CAIN PHILBROOK (right) partners with a black belt student from Charlotte to practice a defense against a lapel grab. (Photos submitted by Susan Dalton).