College Names Academic Excellence Recipient

Kaitlyn Raitano, a University Transfer student, is ACC’s recipient of the 2013 Academic Excellence Award.

Raitano, who will be recognized at the ACC Foundation’s “Celebrating Excellence” event in May, graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 2010. While taking off a semester to work, she completed a 32-hour internship at the dental practice of Dr. Barrett Davis in Morehead City. This experience convinced her to prepare for a dental assisting career.

To prepare, she enrolled at ACC in the spring 2011 semester. Accepted into CSTEP (Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program), Raitano is guaranteed automatic acceptance to UNC Chapel Hill after completing her associate’s degree and participating in specific CSTEP activities at ACC. While working 20-30 hours a week, she has maintained a presence on the Dean’s List, and was nominated for the National Spanish Honor Society. In fall 2012, she confirmed her career plans by completing another 32-hour internship at Dr. Davis’ office in Morehead City.

Raitano has also volunteered with the North Carolina Special Olympics and helped students with intellectual disabilities in the classroom.

“Attending Alamance Community College has made my life goal dreams come true,” she says. “I have been blessed with many wonderful opportunities that I never thought I would be able to achieve.”

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8th Annual Jean Slaughter Scholarship Book Sale*

Wednesday, February 6, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Front of College Bookstore
Hardbacks $2, Paperbacks $1

fiction • non-fiction • children’s books • videos & DVDs

*Sale 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.
PTK WANTS STUDENTS

Phi Theta Kappa’s next meeting is: Monday, Feb. 11, 12:30 p.m., Room 230, Student Activities Center

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honors society that focuses on scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. Students are eligible for Phi Theta Kappa if they have completed more than 12 credit hours and have a GPA of at least 3.5. Potential members will receive an email invitation via their Access email or can see Ms. Kassler (Laura.Kassler@alamancecc.edu) or Ms. Holland (Melinda.Holland@alamancecc.edu) for more information.

SIGMA PSI MEETINGS

Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC’s psychology/sociology club) on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 12:15 p.m. in Room 230 of Student Activities Center.

Next Meeting: Wed., Feb. 6

Horticulture Educators Certified

Horticulture Technology instructors Justin Snyder (Dept. Head), Carol Kawula, and Chad Huggins have passed the International Society of Arboriculture’s (ISA) Certified Arborist Exam. The ISA Certification Program aims to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It is designed to assist the public in identifying those professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices.

All Certified Arborists carry a wallet identification card for verification. Certification is valid for three years.

Calendar of Events Sponsored by SGA

RAFTABLE FOR STEVEN REINHARTSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. To financially support this new scholarship in memory of ACC’s longtime counselor, SGA is raffling a Kindle Fire HD, $50 gas card, and a $25 gas card. Tickets may be purchased in the SGA office (228 in Student Activities Center), or at the SGA table outside the bookstore.

BEST BET: Tickets are $2 for 1, $5 for 7, $10 for 15, and $20 for 35. The drawing is Friday, Feb. 8. All proceeds go to the memorial scholarship fund, which funds student worker positions.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP. Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 4-5, Room 230 in Student Activities Center, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sponsored by the Advising Center, this workshop is designed to help students discover gaps in how they manage their academics; and fill those gaps with better college study skills. Refreshments and attendance verification will be provided.

MODERN BUDDHISM WORKSHOP. Thursday, Feb 7, 2-3 p.m., Auditorium. Ordained Buddhist Monk, Gen Tilopa, will teach on Geshe Kelsang’s book Modern Buddhism. This handbook for daily practice is designed for those seeking solutions within Buddhism to the problems of everyday life, as well as to encourage people of all faiths to deepen their understanding and enjoyment of the spiritual path.

FREE HIV TESTING. Wednesday, Feb. 13, Room 228, Student Activities Center. Representatives from Alamance Cares will provide free and confidential HIV testing. No needles; results in 20 minutes.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROFESSIONAL ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP. Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 20-21, 12:30-1:30 p.m., G119 (computer lab on the first floor). Sponsored by the Advising Center, this workshop demonstrates how students may be perceived by online activity. Refreshments and attendance verification will be provided.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH QUIZ. SGA is sponsoring a quiz beginning Monday, Feb. 4. Questions are posted on Facebook (Alamance Community College SGA). Those with correct answers can stop by the SGA office (228) for a treat.

VALENTINE’S DAY CARDS FOR ASSISTED LIVING/HOSPICE. Beginning Monday, Feb. 11, SGA has arts & craft supplies to make Valentine’s Day cards for residents in Assisted Living facilities and Hospice care. Stop by the SGA Office (228) to help spread a message of love.


Have an idea for SGA events you’d like to see? Send an email to: SGA@alamancecc.edu.
Club Offers Heart Healthy Cookies, BP Checks

ACC’s Medical Assisting Club is celebrating 10 years of the American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women movement on February 5 with a fundraiser and free screenings. Go Red For Women is sponsoring National Wear Red Day to call attention to the fight against heart disease among women. The Medical Assisting Club has risen to the challenge to collect donations to fund vital research that can help save women’s lives. Here’s how:

Tuesday, Feb. 5
Wear Red for National Wear Red Day

- Visit Medical Assisting Club tables in the Student Commons and Powell Building, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Club members will sell heart friendly oatmeal cookies, offer blood pressure screenings and heart health education.
- Make a donation of any size to the American Heart Association. Proceeds from the cookie sale will also be donated.

Don’t forget these facts:
- Heart disease is still the No. 1 killer of women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year.
- Heart disease kills more women than men, at an average rate of one death per minute.
- Heart disease kills more women than all kinds of cancer combined.

FACULTY/STAFF WRITER’S CONTEST

- All full-time and part-time ACC employees are eligible.
- DEADLINE to submit manuscripts: March 19
- CATEGORIES: Narrative/Story (500-2000 words), Personal Essay (500-2000 words), and Poetry (up to 1000 words).
- Up to four entries per person
- Official rules/entry forms previously e-mailed to employees (or contact Elizabeth Williams, English instructor, 506-4272).
- All first place winners will be published in The Explorer, ACC’s literary magazine this fall. Entries over the word limit will be disqualified.
- All entries judged anonymously by two ACC administrators, and a faculty and staff member.
- Submit writing and entry form via e-mail only to Elizabeth Williams@alamancecc.edu.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Next Big Thing $1500 Scholarship—Deadline: Feb. 28
  Apply at: www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx
- 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.htx
- MassMutual 2013-2014 Scholars Program is for students interested in the insurance and financial services industry. Deadline: May 3, by 5p.m. Central Time.
  Apply at: www.act.org/massmutual

NEED CHILD CARE ON CAMPUS?

Do you have a child aged 2-5 who needs child care while you attend class? ACC’s Child Care Center is now offering part-time child care slots for students. Part-time slots are available 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for $75 per week. Call Barbara Williams at 506-4123.

ACC’s Five Star Center has provided more than 30 years of service to parents. Full-time spaces are also available.

BRUSH-UP CLASSES IN MATH AND ENGLISH

Getting ready to take the Compass exam? BSP 2000 classes are free brush-ups in math and English for students preparing to take the college placement tests.

Here’s the upcoming schedule for BSP 2000 classes:

- Feb. 18-March 15, 1-4 p.m. (math)
- March 18-April 11, 1-4 p.m. (English)

- Students can email Assessment.Center@alamancecc.edu or call 506-4376 to register for these free classes. Indicate name, phone number, session time and subject(s) needed.
- The last day to sign up for any Placement Test Prep (BSP 2000) class is Wednesday, one week before the scheduled class time.
- Mandatory orientation is held the first day of class.
- Classes meet Monday through Thursday.

UNIVERSITY REPS TO VISIT

- Wednesday, Feb. 6
  NC Central University
  9-10 a.m. (Biotech/Science Focus, Powell Bldg. H326)

- Monday, Feb. 11
  Guilford College
  9 a.m.-12 noon (outside bookstore)

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.
CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Campus Life

BRINGING OUT THE ARTISTS

The Dillingham Center at Exit 145 hosts dozens of artistic community service classes throughout the year, including:

- A watercolor class had students learning how to paint cattails and a Rosebreasted Grosbeak songbird. Instructor Carolyn Teague (seated, right) demonstrated a technique.
- Quilting is a thriving art form still popular today. Students Mary Forrest (below, left) and Sandra Crawford examine their “Mary Pixley’s Garden” designs; Lucille Brooks (right) counts squares while laying out a pattern for a new quilt.
- A course in stained glass allows students like Bob Calone to use their creativity to make imaginative designs.

Interested in a class?
Call Ellen McBane, Coordinator, at 336-506-4322.

CULINARY OLYMPICS. ACC’s Student Culinary Hot Foods Team won a bronze medal at January’s 2013 American Culinary Federation (ACF) North Carolina Junior Hot Foods Competition held in Charlotte. It was the first such competition for ACC’s five student chefs, who competed against Johnson & Wales and Central Piedmont Community College. Medals were awarded based on points earned as full course meals were prepared under a time limit and judged by professionals on taste and presentation. Pictured l-r at the competition: DALTON COLLINS, JAIME CUBINO, DUSTIN POE, ELIZABETH CRESPO, DANIEL BROWN.