Six Finalists Chosen for ACC President

The ACC Board of Trustees this week begins interviewing and evaluating six candidates vying to become ACC’s next President.

The six finalists were evaluated and winnowed from a pool of 29 by a screening committee, comprised of College trustees, staff, faculty, a student, and representatives from the business community and local government. The full trustee board now begins meeting with those six candidates and it hopes to announce its next President in July.

ACC President Dr. Martin H. Nadelman, who has served the College since 1999, announced his retirement, effective Oct. 1 this year.

The six finalists are:

- Dr. Anne L. Austin has served as Vice Chancellor of Research, Planning & Assessment at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville in Batesville, Arkansas since 2007. Prior to her current position, she served the College as Dean of Learning from 2005-2007 and as Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs from 1996-2005. From 1994-1995 she served as Director of Career Planning and Development at Lyon College in Batesville. Dr. Austin earned a Bachelor’s Degree in English from the University of Delaware and a Ph.D in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Austin earned a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University.

- Dr. Gene C. Couch has served as the Executive Vice President of Alamance Community College since June 2011. Prior to his current position, he served Southwestern Community College in Sylva, North Carolina in several leadership positions including Director of the Title III Program from 2010-2011, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services from 2005-2010, Vice President for Instructional Services from 1999-2005, and Associate Vice President for Program Development from 1997-1999. Dr. Couch received a Bachelor’s Degree in Allied Health from Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, North Carolina. He earned a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee.

- Dr. Kandi W. Deitemeyer has served as President of College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City, North Carolina since April 2010. Prior to her current position, she served as Vice President of Academic Programs and Services at Davidson County Community College in Lexington, North Carolina from 2008-2010. She served as the College Provost for Gateway Community and Technical College in Covington, Kentucky from 2006-2008. Dr. Deitemeyer served as Vice President of Student Services from 2005-2006 and Dean of Student Services from 2003-2005 at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, North Carolina. She served as the Director of Education Programs from 2000-2001 and Director of Academic Programs from 1999-2000 at the University of South Florida in Lakeland. Dr. Deitemeyer earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Mass Communications & Public Relations, a Master’s Degree in Communications & Public Relations, and an Educational Specialist Degree in Education from the University of Delaware and a Ph.D in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Austin earned a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University.

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CULINARY ARTS EARN HIGH MARKS IN REACREDITATION

The Culinary Arts Department recently underwent a successful re-accreditation visit from the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

The review team noted 16 strengths, including quality of the faculty and instruction, kitchen design is ideal for student learning, enthusiasm of culinary students, and embracing strong sustainability practices.

Russ Warren, Director of ACF Accreditation, told Department Head Brian Bailey that the team rarely gives such a high number of strengths to programs they review across the country, usually identifying only 5-6 strengths.

The ACF will officially notify the department of its re-accreditation status this summer.

Heading Culinary Arts are Department Head Brian Bailey, and Instructor-Chefs Todd Wanless, Doris Schomberg, Marvin Kimber and Howard Allen.

CAMPUS REMINDERS

- All vehicles must be registered with the College, displaying the 2012-13 red decal with the number visible. Decals are available at the Information Desk at the main entrance.
- Students are not permitted to park in Visitor or Faculty/Staff lots. If you are driving an alternate vehicle, park in student parking lots. The 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 and lock your vehicle doors.
- Smoking is in the designated gazebo smoking areas only. Use the trash receptacles provided in these areas.
- Tidy up after yourselves in the student center, commons and snack bar areas and dispose of trash in the proper receptacles.
- 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.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Fifth Month $1,500 Scholarship – Apply online by May 31 at: www.wncscholarshipexperts.com/apply/htx
- UNC-Greensboro Scholarship for Adult Learners. Deadline: June 1. To qualify, students must be age 24 or over and be pursuing an undergraduate degree on at least a half-time basis. Awards vary from $500-$3,200 and may be renewable. Application forms (requiring an essay) are available in The Academic Advising Center or found at this link: http://admissions.uncg.edu/forms/ATSscholarship.pdf.
- Campus Discovery $2,500 “Advice to Your High School Self” Scholarship – Apply online by July 31 at: www.campusdiscovery.com/start
- NC Council of the Blind Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students (local chapter of American Council for the Blind): Four $1,500 scholarships for blind and/or visually impaired high school seniors, college, professional and vocational school students. Applications available in the ACC Financial Aid Office. American Council of the Blind also has national scholarships available at www.acb.org.

Memorial Garden Dedication Brings Family, Friends to Remember

About 100 family, friends, ACC retirees and employees gathered on Sunday, May 5, to dedicate the campus Memorial Garden, located next to the Gee Building.

The genesis of the project came from a desire to generate a memorial garden to honor ACC employees who have passed away while in service to the College. It was a joint effort of Horticulture Technology, the grounds department, and the ACC Foundation which purchased the memorial plaque listing the 18 names of those who died in full-time service.

“Not only will this be a place of contemplation for everyone, but it will serve as a lab for Horticulture students,” said Justin Snyder, Horticulture Technology Department Head, when the project began.

Horticulture Technology students worked for months on the garden as a class project. That educational component permitted instructional supply fees to fund the construction.

The garden layout was conceived by Laura Nesbit, a student in Horticulture Technology whose design was selected through a classroom competition. Chandler Concrete, an Alamance County company, provided the materials for the retaining wall. Stones for the patio came from Earthstone in Greensboro. All materials are 100% recyclable.

At the dedication, ACC President Dr. Martin H. Nadelman said, “As we remember those lost while serving…memories of happy times past will surface. Their faces and personalities will float through our minds, for they will ever be part of this College through the establishment of this memorial garden…My fondest hopes are that this area will be used often, whether in quiet thought, a lunch site with friends, studying for an exam, or just basking in the sun between classes without a care in the world.”

ACC Foundation Executive Director Carolyn Rhode read a poem, “We Remember Them,” written by Rabbi Sylvan Kamen, which reads in part: “…As long as we live they too will live, for they are now a part of us as we remember them.”

Roses were handed to family or friends of each person memorialized.

More photos of the dedication are on page 4.
NEW GED TESTS, COSTS COMING EARLY 2014

If you (or someone you know) have been putting it off, now is the time to consider earning a GED. Beginning in 2014, test rules will change and costs are expected to rise in North Carolina. The difficulty level of the questions and content is expected to increase significantly, to bring the test more in line with current standards of high school completion, says Claire Dixon, Director of Literacy.

- Current GED test scores are anticipated to expire Dec. 31, 2013; students will likely be required to start over on a new test series beginning Jan. 2, 2014.
- North Carolina is currently considering three possible options for high school equivalency tests. Any one of the three options will be more expensive than the current GED, which is priced at $35. Costs of a new test may go as high as $120 for the battery, plus $24 per re-test.
- For more information, go to www.GEDtesting-service.com.

Call ACC’s Literacy division at 336-506-4376 before old scores expire.

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in Counselor Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Dr. Algie Gatewood has served as President of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in Portland, Oregon since 2004. Prior to his current position, he served in the Office of the President at the University of North Carolina from 1997-2004 as the Director of Health, Education and Welfare and the Assistant Director of the North Carolina State Education Assistant Authority. He served as Dean of Student Services at Anson Community College in Polkton, North Carolina from 1982-1997. Dr. Gatewood holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Science/History from Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina and a Master’s Degree in Higher Education/College Administration from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. He received his Doctorate in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Mark O. Kinlaw has served as Vice President for Instruction and Support Services at Robeson Community College since 2001. Prior to that position, he served the College as a Department Chair and Director of the SAC’s Accreditation Process from 1997-2001, Director of the Title III Grant from 1994-97, and Director of Planning and Research from 1988-94. Dr. Kinlaw received a Bachelor’s Degree in History from Wake Forest University and a Master's Degree in Education Administration and Supervision from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He earned a Doctorate in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Kimberly W. Sepich has served as Vice President of Student Affairs at Davidson County Community College in Lexington, North Carolina since 2006. Prior to her current position, she served the College as Associate Dean of Enrollment Services from 2005-2006 and a Director of Admissions and Retention from 2002-2005. Dr. Sepich earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Dance Education from East Carolina University. She earned a Master’s Degree in Management and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Appalachian State University.
ACCOLADE. VICTORIA DELANEY, who received honorable mention in the ACC Writer’s Contest for her story, “To Be Under the Sun,” was presented her award by ANNE HELMS, English Department Head, during the Middle College awards ceremony.

The Memorial Garden dedication on May 5 brought together family and friends of ACC employees who passed away during service to the College.

A PLACE OF CONTEMPLATION. Even before the recent dedication of ACC’s Memorial Garden, students have been using it this year as a quiet spot to study, as evidenced the first week of May preparing for exams.