New Writing Center Invites Students

New Writing Center Coordinator Debbie Burdick welcomes students to take advantage of ACC's first-ever writing center. Burdick looks forward to working with students, faculty, and staff in support of ACC's “Writing Across the Curriculum” initiative and the College's Quality Enhancement Program (QEP).

Says Burdick: “I'm excited about putting my seven-plus years of writing center experience and seven years of teaching English to work developing a new center where students can improve their writing skills. Faculty in all divisions can explore new ideas for enhancing the role of writing in their curriculum.”

STUDENT FAQ

Q. Why should I use the writing center?
A. You may have a lot of confidence in your writing or you may feel that it is the most difficult part of your education. Either way, the Writing Center offers encouragement, a place where you can get help or just explore your writing ideas.

Q. Is the Writing Center just for help with my English classes?
A. You can get help with any writing assignment for any course, from Accounting to English to History to Psychology to Welding Technology.

Emergency alerts have been linked to all student, staff and faculty ACCess email accounts beginning this fall. Anyone who has a college email account is automatically enrolled, says Ryan Hendricks, ACC's Security Supervisor.

“Faculty and staff members who have both an ACCess account and a Groupwise account can sign up using either,” says Hendricks.

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 Hendricks: “Everyone will get an email alert. But we are pushing them strongly 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 will include any emergency situation on campus, and all weather alerts.

The ACC Alert Mass Notification System is one aspect of the federal Clery Act, which requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to give timely warnings of crimes that represent a threat to the safety of students or employees.

“This is an example of we at ACC trying to strengthen our capabilities in that area,” says Hendricks.

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

**CAMPUS TOUR.** Tues., Aug. 20: 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Need help navigating the ACC campus and its available services? Guided tour includes the Skills Lab, Academic Advising Center, library, and more. Meet in front of the bookstore.

**ACC PANTRY FOOD DRIVE.** Starts Monday, Aug. 19 through end of month. Look for drop-off boxes or bring to Advising Center (site of pantry).

**HIV TESTING.** Wed., Aug. 21: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Room 228 (Student Center). Free and confidential.

**FREE SWIM DAY AT AQUATIC CENTER.** Sat., Aug. 24: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. SGA has rented Burlington’s Aquatic Center for all students, faculty, staff, and their families. SGA will provide free food and ice cream. The Aquatic Center (MAC) is located at 1402 Overbrook Road in Burlington.

**TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP.** Wed., Aug. 28 & Thur., Aug. 29: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Room 230. No reservation is needed. Erin Flowers and Jenny Brownell will teach students strategies for time management to help balance studies and personal time.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE (main campus).** Wed., Aug. 28: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Make an appointment by contacting John Evans (506-4367 or stop by office 229 in Student Center).

**CHEAP MOVIE TICKETS.** Movie tickets for Carousel Theatre (Alamance Crossing & Greensboro) available for $6 each at cashier’s window, Student Development.

**COLLEGE/NFL PICK’EM GROUPS.** Go to ESPN.com for a chance to win gift certificates. Group Name: AlamanceCommunityCollege & Password: ACC2013.

**ACC to Showcase ‘Grow Green’ Efforts at Public Open House**

Alamance Community College invites the public to see what it’s been up to in the cutting-edge field of renewable energy and technology-based gardening at a public open house on Thursday, August 22, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The open house spotlights the College’s “Grow Green” initiative in an effort to share ideas and knowledge with the community about conservation and lessening our carbon footprints. Students and faculty in ACC’s Horticulture Technology, Sustainable Energy, Advertising and Graphic Design, Computer-Integrated Machining Technology, and Welding programs have pooled their talents and skills in creating projects to showcase how, by working together, they are able to do something special on the Carrington-Scott campus.

On-site tours will give the public an opportunity to see first-hand the only working net-zero energy greenhouse at a higher education institution in North Carolina; a functioning hydroponic (soil-less) greenhouse; a 5,000 gallon rain collector; solar electric panels that convert sunlight into electricity; bio-retention ponds; and an efficiently designed greenhouse that heats the plant’s soil rather than the air around it.

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**Q. What kind of help is it?**

**A.** Writing consultants (some of whom you may recognize as English instructors) can offer individual help with your writing. A consultant will read a draft of your paper and help you develop and organize your writing. When you have a completed draft, you can get help with grammar and mechanics as well. Got writer’s block? Don’t worry, you can even come without a draft for a brainstorming session.

**Q. Where is the Writing Center?**

**A.** We’re in Room 354 in the Academic Skills Lab, located behind the information desk in the main building. You can also contact the Coordinator by calling 336-506-4190 or emailing Debra.Burdick@Alamancecc.edu.

**Q. When can I come to the Writing Center?**

**A.** You can come to the Writing Center and introduce yourself anytime during the projected fall hours listed below. When you want to bring a writing assignment, you should sign up for an appointment a few days in advance, either in person or by phone.

**Q. What else will be happening at the Writing Center?**

**A.** As the semester progresses, look for workshops on writing and grammar and group sessions where a consultant is available to answer questions as you revise. We will also be offering online help for students in distance education classes.
Several employees received service pins at the August faculty/staff meeting for their years of service to the College.

Cathy Johnson–20 years
Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences

Sarah Bergmann–10 years
Math Instructor

Rodney Ellis–10 years
Criminal Justice Instructor

Perry Hardison–10 years
Humanities Instructor

Sandra Hinton–10 years
Nursing Assistant Instructor

Grace Holton–10 years
Accounting Instructor

John Neathery–10 years
Sociology Instructor

Michelle Williamson–10 years
Cosmetology Dept. Head

David Crane–5 years
History Instructor

Bob Davis–5 years
Math Instructor

Vance Elderkin–5 years
Humanities Instructor

Virginia Jeffries–5 years
Sr. Office Assistant, Advising Center

Haifa Shahin-Johns–5 years
Chemistry Instructor
NEWLY APPOINTED ACC PRESIDENT DR. ALGIE GATEWOOD spent two days at the College recently to meet trustees and members of the President’s Council before he assumes his duties on October 1 following the retirement of Dr. Martin Nadelman. Dr. Gatewood (pictured here at left with Dr. Nadelman) currently serves as president of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in Oregon.

THE COLLEGE’S SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, comprised of both faculty and Student Development staff, convened on two consecutive days in late July to study student applications in making their decisions on scholarship awards for the fall semester. Pictured are Financial Aid staff CONNIE BOWMAN, VERNELL RONE, and BECKY SMITH (Assistant Director) as they reviewed student applications projected on a screen in the Gee Building board room.

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2013 was awarded this summer to CHERYL PEARCE of Burlington, security officer at the Dillingham Center. RYAN HENDRICKS, ACC Security Supervisor, presented the commendation. Selections are based on qualities displayed in the performance of their duties, including initiative, good attitude, appearance, and going above and beyond the call of duty. The Officer of the Quarter receives a wall plaque and a $25 check for her efforts.

RECYCLING IS ALIVE AND WELL AT ACC—USE THE BLUE BINS. Large blue co-mingle recycling bins around campus accept the following materials: plastic bottles, aluminum and metal cans, glass bottles, and paper and magazines (not specifically listed on the bin, but acceptable). Cardboard is picked up separately, designated for a separate dumpster outside behind the Print Shop.