Military veteran Armando Barbosa, 25, is set on a new course for his life after serving tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan with the U.S. Marines, graduating from Alamance Community College this December, and heading to New York to continue his studies in criminal justice.

Things did not always look so positive for him.

The San Antonio, Texas native was not the best student in high school and found himself getting into trouble often.

“I saw how that was affecting my mom. I didn’t want to be that way, so I thought my best choice would be the military,” he says.

Armando settled on the U.S. Marine Corp because his uncles and father were Marine veterans, and he knew he needed tough discipline to straighten him out.

His father advised him to pursue whatever future interested him, but his mother was very concerned about joining the military during the Iraq war.

“I knew there was a possibility that I might be shipped to Iraq, but I thought that would be an honor to serve my country if I went,” says Armando, who joined in September 2006.

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Elon Athletes Tutor ESL students

A unique kind of tutoring lesson took place in October at the College’s Dillingham Center in Burlington. A classroom full of adult students learning English sat down at tables with student-athletes from Elon University.

The eight Elon students—representing football, soccer, and basketball programs—shared their personal educational goals while helping about 50 adult learners enrolled in ACC’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The Elon tutors presented short reading and writing sessions and used flashcards for the purpose of matching pictures to English words.

Kristine Gamblin, who organized the event, is an intern working at ACC as Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator for SCALE (Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education). The mission of...
‘FILL THE HAT’ CARE PACKAGES
Donate items Nov. 11-Dec. 2 in the red, white and blue “Uncle Sam” hats that will be sent to U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan. Items may also be delivered to Sherri Singer (B309) or Dave Crane (B113).
NEEDED: Hard candies, packaged snacks, toiletry items.

SIGMA PSI CHRISTMAS CHEER DRIVE
WHAT: Sigma Psi has begun a Christmas Cheer drive to help the elderly and underprivileged children of Alamance County.
WHEN/WHERE: Now through Dec. 4. Collection bins can be found at information desks (main building & Gee lobby) and at Dillingham Center.
NEEDED: Toys for children & food and warm clothing for elderly.
Christmas Cheer is a non-profit that provides Christmas assistance for Alamance County children in 8th grade or younger, and elderly 60 years and older.

PTK WANTS STUDENTS
PHI THETA KAPPA’S NEXT MEETING: Monday, Nov. 18, 1:45 p.m.
WHERE: Room 230, Student Center
WHO: Students are eligible to join 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 ACCcess email.
CONTACT: Ms. Kassler (Laura.Kassler@alamanceccc.edu) or Ms. Holland (Melinda.Holland@alamanceccc.edu) for more information.

SIGMA PSI MEETINGS
Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC’s psychology/sociology club).
WHEN: First and third Wednesday each month, 12:15 p.m.
WHERE: Room 230, Student Activities Center

DENTAL SPONSORS FOOD BANK DRIVE
WHAT: Food drive for the ACC Food Bank, sponsored by the Dental Assisting Club
WHEN: Now through Nov. 25.
BEST BET: Place non-perishable food in marked containers located at the main building entrance and outside Dental Assisting, Room 309. Contact to have donations picked up: Donna Pruitt at Donna.pruitt@alamanceccc.edu

TOOTHBRUSH & CREST WHITE STRIP SALE
WHAT: Dental Assisting Club’s annual toothbrush and Crest White Strip Sale
WHEN: Now
BEST BET: Look for flyers that designated days/times when club members manning tables for this sale: Oral-B toothbrushes for ALL ages $1; Professional Crest White Strips $30.

WIN MS TABLET WITH ROTARACT CLUB FUNDRAISER
WHAT: Rotaract Club members are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Microsoft Surface 2 Tablet with Wi-Fi–32gb.
RAFFLE TICKETS: Buy raffle tickets now through Nov. 21 at table outside ACC bookstore or see a club member. Tickets can also be purchased from Rotaract advisor in A331 and A317.
_TICKET PRICES: 1 ticket for $2, 3 tickets for $5, 8 tickets for $10, 20 tickets for $20.
DRAWING: The drawing will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 during club event at 12:45 p.m., Student Center. Proceeds go to the Rotaract Club to facilitate service projects this year.

GEOPGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK
Visit the HISTORY CLUB’S GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS BOOTH Nov. 18-22
Take a daily geography quiz for a chance to win prizes
Each time a student completes a quiz, his/her name will be entered into a drawing to win:
• a GPS
• a hand-powered solar radio
• a globe puzzle
Inclement Weather Schedule

With the cold weather season and possible precipitation upon us, keep this information in mind:

- **Decisions affecting the delay or cancellation of classes are announced on TV and radio as soon as conditions warrant.**
- **Changes in schedule are posted on ACC’s web site** (www.alamancecc.edu) and on the College’s switchboard recording (336-506-4ACC) depending on continuation of Internet and phone service to the College.
- **Class schedule changes**—An announcement is made when classes will resume normal schedules. For example: if classes resume a normal schedule at 9:00 a.m., all classes that start at 9:00 a.m. and later will be held as scheduled. All classes that start before 9:00 a.m., but which extend past the announced starting time, will meet then and follow the normal schedule.

Get the 411

**Foundation Scholarship Deadline Nears**

Foundation scholarship applications for Spring 2014 are due Friday, Nov. 15. Students should apply at https://alamancecc.academicworks.com/ using their WebAdvisor ID and password.

Office of Career Services & Counseling

The following clinics are held in the Academic Advising Center. Appointments not needed.

- **Career Clinic:** Each Monday 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
  - Career Exploration
  - Career Preparation
  - Career Search

- **Resume Clinic:** Each Thursday 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
  - Resume Writing and Editing
  - Job Specific Resumes
  - Cover Letters and Applications

Academic Advising Center

The Academic Advising Center is located near the lower commons in the main building. Fall hours are:

- Mon., 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Tues.–Thurs., 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Fri., 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Appointments are preferred. Call Virginia Jeffries at 336-506-4362.

Writing Center Hours

Mon. ............ 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Tues.–Thurs. ..., 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Fri. ............... 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Make an Appointment: Come by the Writing Center (Room 354 in Skills Lab) or call 336-506-4190. Walk-ins are acceptable when appointments are not full.

**Joséph Hilliard**

Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?
A. University transfer. I plan to transfer to ECU to study art.

Q. What you wish people knew about you—but probably don’t?
A. I’m a very funny person.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/ performed, etc.)?
A. At Williams High, I won a contest to design a t-shirt for the school staff.

Q. Something you always wanted to do—but haven’t yet?
A. Design my own cartoon show.

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

Q. Something you can’t live without?
A. My family.

Q. TV program you try not to miss?
A. Regular Show on Cartoon Network.

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?
A. Louis Armstrong. Q: How did you become so good at your music?

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**ACC Scholarship for Volunteer Work**

**WHAT:** Dixon-Doss Scholarship, facilitated by ACC Foundation

**WHO:** Available for any full-time ACC curriculum student who volunteers regularly.

**CRITERIA:** This scholarship is not need-based, but requires a short statement on types and amount of volunteering in which the student participates.

**APPLY:** Go to https://alamancecc.academicworks.com/ and sign in using WebAdvisor account for this scholarship and many others. **Deadline is Friday, November 15.**

**Find Scholarships at Website**

Go to ScholarshipExperts.com to find dozens of scholarship listings such as Make Me Laugh $1,500 Scholarship, College Prowler “No Essay” Scholarship, and Shout It Out $1,500 Scholarship. Registration at the site is free.

**Scholarship Links for Latino students**


**Acc Security/Emergency:**

Inside ACC—dial 2286
Outside—dial 506-4286

Students and employees should add these numbers to their cell phone directories.
New Photography Class Begins Nov. 19

WHAT: Continuing Education class entitled “Photography: Small Products”

INSTRUCTOR: Joe Robertson, photography instructor at Eastern Alamance High School and retired owner and chief photographer of Westbrook Studios, Inc.

WHEN: Class begins Tuesday, Nov. 19. It meets six evenings, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. No meeting on Thanksgiving, Nov. 28.

WHERE: Carrington-Scott Campus, Graham, Room A102

BEST BET: Students will learn commercial photography set-up, background, and lighting techniques for small products such as packaged goods, glassware, food, jewelry, pottery, wooden bowls, stained glass or crocheted items. This is the perfect class to take in conjunction with a craft class to help improve marketing potential on the internet. Pre-requisite: Practical Photography class or similar background. Students should have a working knowledge of DSLR camera operation including manual exposure and white balance.

COST: $75

TO REGISTER: Call Linda Smith at (336) 506-4149, or Ellen McBane at (336) 506-4322.

College Fair This Month
Thursday, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Center

ACC students can talk to admissions/transfer representatives from most UNC system universities and many private institutions colleges and universities. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about specific institutions and majors, admission requirements and scholarships.

Honoring the Sacrifice of Veterans
To commemorate Veteran’s Day, students in ACC’s Career College placed American flags in front of the main campus along Jimmie Kerr Road. Career College is a one-year certificate program for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities that provides job-specific training to further develop reading, math and computer skills. ACC’s History Club annually sponsors this and other events to honor America’s military veterans.

Holiday Bazaar to Benefit Scholarship Fund
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. front of ACC bookstore

All proceeds benefit the Thelma Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund

BEST BET: Library staff is sponsoring this event. Come out for some holiday shopping while helping students. Thelma Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund is named for ACC library secretary who passed away in 2012.
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Indeed, Armando was shipped to Iraq at age 19, spending seven months there. The experience was an about-face for him.

“It was a real culture shock because I had not left Texas until I joined the Marines,” he says. “My time there [overseas] made me appreciate life more, how easy we have it over here…It changed me for the better because I became more reliable; it made me take initiative every day. I definitely matured in a short period of time. When you are younger, you can hear about what it’s like in Iraq but when you experience it for yourself, you realize quickly that life is not a joke.”

Armando faced a more life-changing experience in 2009 when his unit was shipped to Afghanistan.

“This was a more humbling experience—tense violence and harder living conditions,” he says. “The Marines embrace this lifestyle but it makes you take a step back, makes you think about your life every day.”

Armando’s decision in September 2010 not to re-enlist after four years was determined by his desire for a different career.

“Unless you plan to make a career of the military, it’s wasting time to re-up because that’s time taken away from pursuing the career you want,” he says. “I’m very grateful for what the Marines did for me, including paying for my college tuition.”

Armando’s time at Camp Lejeune instilled in him an affinity for North Carolina, so he moved here permanently to attend college. It was in Greensboro that he met his wife, Caroline, through the spouse of a fellow Marine.

Armando enrolled at Alamance Community College for the spring 2012 semester because he felt a small school would best help him get acclimated to the academic life rather than attend a university. His Marine Corps experience helped steer him to the Criminal Justice program. He praises his advisor, Sherri Singer, and other instructors as approachable and caring.

“I’m not someone who likes to raise my hand [in class] but afterward will talk to the instructor one-on-one,” he says. “They’re always available to you. I’ve always felt like I was welcome.”

And his future plans?

“When I came out of the Marines, the FBI and other government agencies were recruiting veterans,” he says. “I wanted to continue serving my country but in a different way. My interest is in federal law enforcement.”

Armando has been accepted to John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, where he starts in January after finishing at ACC this December. He plans to earn a bachelor’s degree in international criminal justice. He’s also interested in going for his master’s degree in Texas because, as a veteran, the military will pay his tuition.

“Now that I’m into my education and looking toward a career, I just want to keep the ball rolling,” he says.

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SCALE is to increase direct service impact on campuses through literacy. Part of her job is to work with Elon University to give its students an opportunity to earn college credit by working volunteer hours in a community service program.

Gamblin, who is based at the Dillingham Center where she focuses on ESL efforts, coordinated the tutoring sessions for the Elon students which, earlier that week, included time at Western Middle School and Elon Elementary.

Says Gamblin: “ACC was my motivator to do this. I was inspired by the ESL program and thought bringing the Elon students here to conduct lessons with those classes would be a great opportunity—for the students learning English and for the students from Elon University.”

Gamblin explained to the Elon students how many of the ESL students came to the U.S. under difficult circumstances. “They want an education so they can work and support their families,” she said, and urged them to make the tutoring sessions casual and positive to help build the ESL learners’ self-esteem. “Tell them what motivates you in your own educational goals,” she said.

“I look at the community and think it’s important for learners and community members to work as one,” says Gamblin.

Elon University student-athletes who acted as tutors were Jenifer Rhodes, Lenaira Ruffin, Mackenzie Darrah, Caue Da Silva, Eliot Browarsky, Danielle Smith, Ricky Brown, and Andre Davis.
Musical History

‘RockaBilly’ presentation featured a lively audio-visual lecture by guest Willie Nelms (pictured) who used the sounds of 1950s-60s tunes to illuminate the cultural importance of this neglected musical genre that pre-dated rock n’ roll.

Trick-or-Treat!

Trick-or-treaters from ACC’s Child Care Center met up with the likes of Mickey Mouse and a chipmunk in the Academic Advising Center during a tour through the main campus building during Halloween week.

Nursing’s Halloween Bloodmobile/Fundraiser

Above, giving the ‘gift of life’ was GED student James Eatmon. Below, sweets galore were for sale by the Nursing Club during the bloodmobile. Seen l-r were: Butch Woods, Dana Hudson, Jamie Smith-Gregory, Sonya Cash-Lopez, Marci Jones, and Kelly Smith.

Spanish Club Fundraiser

The Spanish Club sold handmade keychains and bagged candy on Halloween to raise funds for service projects. Seen l-r were (l-r) Vanessa Guerrero, Christopher Iora, Tatiana Smith, Juan Dark, and Pedro Alejo.
Day of the Dead Celebrated

Fun and education provided the backdrop for a Day of the Dead celebration on Oct. 31, sponsored by ACC’s Diversity Committee:

- **Above left**, student speakers who spoke on the history, culture, and meaning of Day of the Dead were (from left): Laura Romo, Lucero Diaz and Evelyn Rivera.
- **Above right**, costume contest $50 winner was demon Melissa Barbee (center), flanked by pirate Joanna Rice (3rd place) and monster Chris Comer (2nd place).
- **Left**, coordinating the event was Diversity Committee member and Financial Aid office assistant Michelle Taylor (right), here with FA student worker Emmalee Apple.

Middle College Honors Day of the Dead

Traditional altars that honor the dead were created by ABSS Middle College students for a Day of the Dead project the last week of October. Instructor Allison Hamlett taught her students about the meaning and history of the Mexican holiday which celebrates the lives of those who have passed with decorations and altars.

- **Below left**, Marilyn Monroe altar was made by students (l-r) Alex Wheeley, Sam Wheeley (floor), Harley Davis, and Nikoli Oritz.
- **Below right**, Michael Jackson altar was made by students (l-r) Avery Young, Faith Davis, Ruth Lagunas, Hannah Alvarez, Sam Ingle, Destiny Freeze, and Gisela Mora.
Approximately $6,500 was raised at the first ever Reinhartsen 5K Run on November 2 to fund an ACC Foundation scholarship named for the late Steven Reinhartsen, a college career counselor who passed away last year. The ACC Foundation coordinated the event.

More than 100 runners and walkers participated on the Carrington-Scott main campus in Haw River, including college employees, area running clubs, and people from the community. Participating in the 5K were members of the Reinhartsen family, left, including Steven’s widow, Mary Davis, and his son, Karl.

Winners of the 5K included first place male Andy Jones of Burlington; and first place female Lori Willis of Burlington.

Sponsors included Burlington Honda, ACC Follett Bookstore, ACC Student Government Association, Manpower, Biz Mari Salon, Chandler Agency, Alamance Foods, and other retailers that supported the event through donations of gift certificates and food.

Numerous college employees and students volunteered their services to help with the success of the event. Peter Barcus, Executive Director of Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell, acted as emcee.

ACC’s Computer-Integrated Machining program made the winners’ medals.