ACC, Guilford College to Sign Transfer Agreement

Alamance Community College has reached an historic arrangement with Guilford College to streamline the transfer of credits for ACC students enrolling at the four-year institution through its Center for Continuing Education. It is the first formalized agreement in ACC’s history made with a private institution of higher education in the Triad on this scale.

ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood and Guilford College President Dr. Kent John Chabotar plan to formalize the agreement on the Alamance Community College campus at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to partner with Guilford College via the articulation agreement,” said Dr. Algie Gatewood, President of Alamance Community College. “This will give our students yet another opportunity to earn a four-year degree following the completion of an associate’s degree at ACC. This fits nicely with our plan to provide educational leadership to serve the people of Alamance County.”

Although ACC students have regularly transferred to Guilford College for years, they have done so without a full understanding of how many more classes are needed for their intended major. All

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College Names Academic Excellence Recipient

Carrie Parker, in her final semester of the Associate Degree Nursing program, is ACC's recipient of the 2014 Academic Excellence Award.

Parker, a Mebane resident, will be recognized at the ACC Foundation’s “Celebrating Excellence” event in May. She completed the Associate in Arts degree with High Honors in May 2012 at Alamance Community College and expects to complete the Nursing program in May 2014. She carried a 3.9 GPA this semester.

Through her work as a club president and student ambassador, she has learned to try new things and be a leader and positive example for others. She plans to pursue a Master’s of Science in Nursing and become a nurse practitioner following her graduation from ACC later this spring.

“Alamance Community College has had a tremendous impact upon my life,” she says. “The

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**STUDENT CLUB EVENTS**

**VALENTINES FOR TROOPS**
The History Club is collecting items for care packages for U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan for Valentine’s Day. Help “Fill a Heart” boxes on campus by donating hygiene items, hot hands, batteries, snacks, hard candy, and small games; or bring items to B113 and B309 offices. Items will be collected now through Feb. 14.

**SIGMA PSI MEETINGS**
Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC’s psychology/sociology club).

**JOIN ROTARACT CLUB**
Are you a student interested in opportunities to network with businesses in the community? Consider joining Rotaract, an organization focused on “Service Above Self.”

**HAVE A CLUB MEETING?**
If your club has a meeting or an event, you may post your announcement in Campus ACCess. Contact Jon Young in the Public Information and Marketing office (A-03), call 506-4122 or e-mail jonathan.young@alamancecc.edu.

**WRITING CENTER HOURS**
Mon. .............. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues.-Thur. ... 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. ................. 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
To make an appointment:
- Register at alamance.mywconline.com
- Visit the Writing Center
Walk-ins are acceptable when appointments are not full.

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the state’s community colleges have a transfer agreement with the UNC system of campuses, but similar agreements with private colleges and universities are not as common.

The agreement stipulates that Guilford College will guarantee:
- transfer admission
- waiver of application fee
- acceptance of a maximum 64 credits that have Guilford College equivalents
- grant full junior status to ACC graduates who have followed a course of study as prescribed by Guilford College, including earning a 2.5 GPA while at ACC

ACC graduates will have an opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree in 13 majors, including accounting, business administration, criminal justice, and information systems.

Informal talks between Alamance Community College and Guilford College began as early as 2009. “This agreement is ideal for our students who want a private college education,” said Cathy Johnson, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, who played a major role in working out the agreement.

“By completing the first two years of college at ACC and then transferring to Guilford College, students realize a significant cost savings while receiving an outstanding education.”

In fact a tuition comparison provided by Guilford College shows that it stacks up competitively against North Carolina state institutions before any financial aid is applied. Because adult transfer students do not normally require room and board, the student fees are lower than at public universities. State, federal and institutional financial aid is available.

ACC students transferring to Guilford College also have an advantage if they work during the day: the institution offers course work on two nights and Saturdays for many majors offered through the Center for Continuing Education.

“One of the problems in transferring to a large university is feeling lost,” said Johnson. “A small private college replicates the feel of ACC with small class sizes and personal attention, a strong support network, and Guilford’s Center for Continuing Education.”

**NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES**

**Corbett is New Payroll Technician**
Kay Corbett began her duties this month as payroll technician for the College. Since 2010, she worked as accounting technician in the Business Office. Corbett earned an associate degree in accounting from ACC in 2009 and served as a student ambassador. She has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration-Hotel and Tourism Management from Khon Kaen University in her native Thailand.

**ANA SALAS**

Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?
A. Dental Assisting because I’ve wanted to be in the dental field since age 11.

Q. What you wish people knew about you–but probably don’t?
A. Since earning a minor in Women’s Studies at UNC, I’ve wanted to start a charity to help abused women.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/ performed, etc.)?
A. In 2010 at ACC, I was named the Student Academic Excellence winner.

Q. Something you always wanted to do–but haven’t yet?
A. Make pizza from scratch.

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

Q. Something you can’t live without?
A. Knowledge of my culture.

Q. TV program you try not to miss?
A. Criminal Minds.

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?
A. My late friend, Faith. I’d ask if she is happy.
ACC is New GED Testing Site

Alamance Community College is now an official, approved Pearson Vue GED Testing site.

Following a lengthy process and hard work on the part of the College’s GED examiners Ruth Burnette and Kimberly Foust, and Director of Basic Skills Claire Dixon, students studying for the GED in ACC’s Literacy Building can now take the exam here as well.

Testing began in the Literacy Building on January 21.

“We are pleased to offer the new, computerized GED 2014 to our community,” said Claire Dixon, Director of Basic Skills. “The nature of the new test allows for more flexible scheduling and more detailed feedback for test-takers about their exam results.”

Here’s the 411:

- ACC’s new testing schedule is Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 6-9 p.m.
- Testers are scheduled in 15 minute intervals.
- Students should arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled testing time to check in with the front desk and GED Examiner.

For more details about the new test and the sign up process, students should visit the “My GED” website at https://ged.com.

Dixon also pointed out that ACC’s Information Systems staff contributed technical assistance in the process: Winfield Henry, Adam Ward, Dana Johnson, Ed Acton, and Shannon Vetter.

Inclement Weather Schedule

With the unpredictable winter season in full swing, 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.

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faculty, students and sheer love resonating from everyone who has helped me to blossom into a successful woman who will continue to journey forward after college. Through ACC, I learned that everything is possible. With the help of ACC, I have been transformed from a scared, shy young woman into a confident and exuberant one. If I can dream it, then I can do it.”

The Academic Excellence Award is sponsored by the NC Community College System (NCCCS). This year’s theme is “The Great Within the 58.” One student is selected from each community college by a selection committee at each local campus. Students are nominated by a faculty member, must complete an application process that includes obtaining references and writing a personal statement, must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at ACC, and must demonstrate exceptional academic performance.

Other ACC nominees were:

- Abigail Beck, Associate in Arts program
- Jose Garcia, Associate in Applied Science in Mechanical Drafting Technology
- Arthur Golding, Associate in Science program
- James Gregory, Associate in Applied Science in Mechanical Drafting Technology
- Jennifer Jeffries, Associate in Arts program
- Bobby Petty, Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration
- Evelyn Rivera, Associate in Arts program

GET THE 411

TRIP TO UNCG’S “TRANSFER TUESDAY”

ACC is planning a trip for students to UNCG’s “Transfer Tuesday” on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The bus leaves campus at 2:30 p.m. and returns by 8 p.m.

The trip includes a campus tour, presentations by admissions and financial aid, campus activities fair with representatives from all curriculum majors, and dinner in the Elliott University Center. Students receive an application fee waiver at the conclusion of the event—a $55 cost savings.

The event is free, including transportation and dinner.

Students must sign up in advance using this link: http://goo.gl/0e59Vh.

Contact: Jenny Brownell, Academic Advising Center Coordinator.

UNIVERSITY REPS ON CAMPUS

Come talk to admissions representatives when they visit the ACC campus:

- **UNC**
  - Wednesday, Jan. 29
  - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Advising Center

- **Liberty University**
  - Friday, Feb. 7
  - 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
  - outside bookstore

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
New ACC Foundation President Begins Duties

Charlie Harris, former President and CEO of Lutheran Retirement Ministries of Alamance County, and Twin Lakes Community, became president of the ACC Foundation Board of Directors effective January 1. Serving a two-year term, he succeeds Sue Rich.

A member of the ACC Foundation Board since 2009, Harris’ community and professional service have included, Alamance Balloon Fest, Lutheran Retirement Ministries of Alamance, Shallowford Community Development Corp., North Carolina Department of Insurance Advisory Board, the US Department of Defense, and ownership of an accounting firm. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Licensed Nursing Home Administrator.

Joining the Foundation’s 32-member board in 2014 are:

F. Samuel Eberts III
Sam is the Chief Legal Officer, Corporate Secretary and Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for LabCorp. He serves on the Wilson Council for the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in Washington, D.C. a non-partisan global public policy institute. He was recently appointed to the Advisory Board for the World Policy Institute in New York City, a non-partisan think tank for global policy analysis. Sam was elected to serve as the Vice-Chairman of Easter Seals/UCP of North Carolina and Virginia. He is a frequent speaker on health-care reform, leadership and the legal profession. Sam is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago and the Boston University School of Law. He lives in Chapel Hill.

Doug Hargrove
Doug is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and opened what is now the oldest Burlington, NC location. He is a graduate of University of Virginia, with degrees in Economics and Sociology. He coaches various youth teams and is a Cub Scout leader. He also serves on the local Red Cross board. He and his wife Laura live in Graham and have two children.

Suzanne Lucier
Suzanne was a staff member in ACC’s Student Development Department from 1986 until 2010. Her last position at ACC was Dean of Student Development. She has a graduate degree from Michigan State University in Student Personnel Administration. Prior to coming to ACC, she worked in student life at Indiana State University and as a counselor at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, NC. She is married to Dr. Tom Lucier, a Biotechnology Instructor at ACC.

The Executive Committee of the ACC Foundation Board of Director for 2014-2015 is:
- Charlie R. Harris, President
- Paul Mauney, Vice President (Times-News Publishing)
- Sue Rich, Immediate Past President (Glen Raven, Inc.)
- Fairfax Reynolds, Treasurer
- Ami Hill, Secretary (American National Bank and Trust Company)
- John Bellingham, Chair/Planned Giving Committee (HBS Financial Advisors)
- Ted Chandler, Chair/Investment Committee (Chandler Concrete Company, Inc.)
- Ed Hooks, Chair/Resource Development Committee (Gregory Poole Equipment Company)
- Dr. Aaron P. Noble, Jr., Chair/Grants Committee (City of Burlington)

2014 Crumley Roberts Next Step Scholarship is for university transfer students. Deadline is Feb. 1. Students must download and print an application at www.crumleyroberts.com/community/scholarship-programs.php

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
- ScholarshipPoints $10,000 Scholarship—Deadline: Jan. 31. Apply online: scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/scholarshippointed/
- Cappex “A GPA Isn’t Everything” Scholarship—Deadline: Jan. 31. Apply online: scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/gpa/
- I Have A Dream $1,500 Scholarship—Deadline: Jan. 31. Apply at: scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/dream/
- Advice to your High School Self Scholarship, $2,500—Deadline: Jan. 31. Apply at: http://campusdiscovery.com/start
- The Community College STEM Scholarship—a one-year, non-renewable award of $1,000 for students enrolled full time (minimum of 12 credit hours) at a North Carolina Community College. Students must be majoring in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) field and be interested in pursuing a career that supports NASA’s mission including careers in the aerospace sector. Deadline: Feb. 3. Apply at: http://nccspacegrant.org/index.php?page=community-college-stem-scholarship-program
- Accounting Scholarship: North Carolina CPA Foundation offers multiple scholarships annually to students who either have a four year degree or are planning to pursue a four year degree and study accounting.
- Qualifications:
  - Completed at least one college or university-level accounting course; completed at least 36 semester hours (or equivalent) by the start of the spring semester of the year of application; 3.0 GPA
  - Submit an application with a completed essay by Feb. 12 at www.NCACPA.org
- Questions? Contact Grace Holton at 506-4212.
- Sweet & Simple $1,500 Scholarship—250-word essay response to question is required. Deadline: Feb. 28. Apply online: scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/simple/
- NC Retail Merchants Association—$2,500 scholarships. Apply online: www.ncrma.org
ACC Wins Silver in State Culinary Competition

ACC’s Student Culinary Hot Foods Team won a silver medal at this month’s 2014 American Culinary Federation (ACF) North Carolina Junior Hot Foods Competition.

ACC’s five-member team—Kim Calvey, Sarah Cooper, Jodie Holder, Jeff Apple, and Zakhar Vorsulev—competed against culinary competitors from Asheville-Buncombe Community College and Central Piedmont Community College, which hosted the event at its Charlotte campus. A-B Tech won first place and ACC was second.

Said Chef-Department Head, Brian Bailey: “We are extremely proud of them. They did everything we asked them to do and they executed perfectly. We received the best critique I have heard in the ten years I have done this. The judges encouraged our students to go on and compete individually after graduation.”

Bailey said the professional judges explained that ACC’s food was superior and very challenging to execute.

Practicing since August, the team conducted long practices, often 10-hour days, that included time over the recent winter holiday.

The competition had two phases: skills and cooking. The skills phase is an 80-minute relay with four team members that tests the students on chicken butchery, fish filleting, pastry skills and knife skills. The cooking phase involved preparing a classical dish.

Bailey added that the team has never executed as well as they did this year. “I was very proud of our students’ performance, professionalism, great attitudes, and commitment to the team,” he said.

Helping to prepare the student team were Culinary Arts chefs Todd Wanless, Doris Schomberg, Howard Allen and Marvin Kimber.

ACC Foundation Phonathon Begins

February kicks off the ACC Foundation’s annual phonathon, in which student ambassadors call alumni to update records and solicit donations for student scholarships. Over the past several years the ambassadors have secured an average of $25,000 in pledges. Thank you ACC ambassadors for your service to future students.
Student Activities Calendar

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING. Mon., Jan. 27, 12:30 p.m. Room 230.

MEET, GREET & EAT WITH ACC PRESIDENT. Tues., Jan. 28. SGA is hosting a meet and greet lunch with ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood once per month for the spring semester. Stop by for a free lunch provided by SGA, and a chance to meet and interact with Dr. Gatewood. To sign up, email John.Evans@alamancecc.edu. Space is limited.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Wed., Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the bloodmobile. Sign up for an appointment at: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: ACC. Or email John.Evans@alamancecc.edu.

Career Exploration Workshops
Room 230 (Student Activities Center)
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 11:15 a.m.-12 noon
and 5:15-6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 11:15–12 noon

FREE STUFF
Ice Skating–Courtesy SGA
Join your SGA for a free evening of family fun ice skating.
WHERE: Hillsborough Triangle Sportsplex (101Meadowlands Drive, Hillsborough, NC or get directions at: http://goo.gl/maps/IBJuk)
WHEN: Friday, Jan. 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
FREE TICKETS: Pick up free passes outside the College’s SGA office 228 (Student Center)
BEST BET: Students and employees may pick up tickets for family and friends; one ticket per person. Skate rental is included with ticket.

Admission Tickets for Old Salem
Free admission tickets are available for students to visit historic Old Salem. Students must present a valid ID for use.
FREE TICKETS: Just pick up a voucher from JJ Evans in the Student Center (office 229) or Sherri Singer’s office door, B309.
BEST BET: Tickets are good for any day.

Writing Across the Curriculum Workshop For Faculty
WHAT: MLA and APA Documentation Refresher—workshop for faculty
WHEN: Monday, Feb. 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Room B200.
FOR MORE INFO: Contact Courtney Doi, Writing Center Coordinator, ext. 4294.

Writing Center Workshops for Students
Students may sign up for a workshop in the Writing Center by emailing writingconsultation@alamancecc.edu or (pending space availability) may arrive without an appointment at the proper time.

Grammar and Sentence Structure for ESL Students
- Jan. 30 and 31: Understanding Verb forms and Tenses
  Each ESL workshop meets three times: Thursday, 9:30-10:25 a.m. & 12:45-1:40 p.m.; Friday, 12:40-1:35 p.m.

Grammar Brush-Ups
- Jan. 28 & 29: Untangling Sentences
- Feb. 4 & 5: Tightening Wordy Sentences
  Each brush-up workshop meets four times: Tuesday, 9:30-10:25 a.m. & 12:45-1:40 p.m.; Wednesday, 10:10-11:05 a.m. & 12:40-1:35 p.m.

9th Annual
Jean Slaughter Scholarship
BOOK SALE
Wednesday, February 5
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Main Building, in front of Bookstore
I♥Books

PAPERBACKS & VIDEOS _______ $1
HARDBACKS & DVDS _______ $2
• Fiction, nonfiction, children’s books, classics, audiobooks, assorted videos and DVDs.
• The sale is intended for students, faculty and staff to purchase books. NO BOOKSELLERS BEFORE 1 p.m.
All proceeds go to the Jean Slaughter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sponsored by the ACC English Department
Students and employees celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 21 as part of the College’s “Living the Dream” annual observance, sponsored by the Diversity Committee. Dr. Algie Gatewood, ACC’s president since October 1, was keynote speaker. The theme of his message centered on his personal recollections of growing up during the civil rights era.

“Dr. King was so much larger than his speeches and his writings, and in my opinion he is among the greatest Americans that this country has ever produced,” said Dr. Gatewood. “Few others have understood it as clearly as he did the true meaning of being an American and how much work there was and still remains to do before we reach a state of true equality.”

Dr. Gatewood told the audience of his own adolescence in the south during the 1950s and 1960s. He was born into a poor family in which neither parent had a high school education. Both parents picked cotton to earn a living, and his father and mother supplemented their incomes as, respectively, an electrician and a maid. Gatewood and his four siblings followed their mother to the fields to pick cotton.

“We’re not picking cotton anymore but we’re still decades away from reaching the Promised Land, that land that Dr. King talked about,” he said.

Recalling the pain of segregation and the experience of separate drinking fountains, bathrooms, and restaurant doors, Dr. Gatewood said, “This was Dr. King’s America, this was my parents’ America, this was my America...Everyday you were being told you were inferior. At a minimum, it was truly demoralizing.”

Years after the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision making segregated schools unlawful, Gatewood and his sister voluntarily became the first African American children in his hometown to integrate a previously all-white school. He cited the white principal as someone who welcomed them and did all he could to make them feel safe so they could pursue a good education.

“We tend to be what we learn and that’s how we develop culture,” said Dr. Gatewood. “It doesn’t matter whether you’re black or white or any other nationality, we all tend to stick with our own culture. But in order for us to grow, even here at this college, we have to get away from the way it’s always been. We have to look at and do things differently if we’re going to grow.”

Dr. Gatewood said that because Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived “we have Dr. Algie Gatewood as president of Alamance Community College. Not in my wildest dream as a small child, not as a teenager, not as a college student could I have imagined that. But because we have grown and dreamed and the world has become better, these things became possible.”

He concluded by saying the audience in the college auditorium—black, white, Hispanic and other nationalities—is evidence of today’s America. “It’s very different from the America I grew up in and I’m very proud to be one of you. And I’m proud of the dream of making this college a better place. If Dr. King can change the United States, we collectively can change this college the same way.”

Students also participated in the celebration:
• University transfer student Lauren Satterfield led the invocation.
• Poetry students Samantha Hunter and Heidi Garcia jointly read three poems by Jonathan Walton: ‘My Name Is,’ ‘Restless Souls,’ and ‘Take Me to a Place.’
• Murriel Freeland sang two gospel numbers: “Would He Do It Again” and “I Feel Like Going On.”
Crafty Folks
About 160 students from Continuing Education’s Heritage Craft classes participated in the Fall 2013 Craft Fair in December. Students sold their wares from classes such as quilting, stained glass, pottery, wood turning & carving, jewelry making, crochet/knitting, furniture design, and painting. More than 850 people attended the fair as students sold $3,350 worth of items.

- Right, crochet student Rolanda Roetter sold her products.
- Bottom left, pottery instructor Steve Cann demonstrated his skills at the fair.
- Middle, wood carving entitled “Joseph” by Adam Stiles was for sale.
- Bottom right, jewelry making class participants included (from left) students Linda Ekeland and Emily Crawford, and instructor Elisa DiGiambattista.

More from ACC’s Martin Luther King Jr. Observance...
Left, ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood greeted students and guests following the service that filled the college’s Patterson Auditorium to capacity; above, poetry students Samantha Hunter and Heidi Garcia jointly read three poems in honor of Dr. King’s legacy.