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Calendar of Events

APR. 21
Summer/Fall Priority Registration Begins (details on 2)

MAY 1
Last Day to Drop (2nd 8-week course) with WP

MAY 6-9
Final Exams

MAY 10
Saturday Classes End

MAY 12
Monday Evening Classes Held; No Day Classes Payment Deadline for Early Summer Registrations

Culture Day/Student Activities Day
Wednesday, April 23
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Outside – parking area between B-Building & Horticulture

Sponsored by ACC Diversity Committee and the ACC Foundation

ACC’s annual Culture Day is partnering with the ACC Foundation’s Student Activities Day to present a celebration of our diversity while raising funding for student scholarships.

Free Food:
- ACC Culinary students—27 stations offering international food samples
- Free drinks provided by Culinary

Entertainment (Beginning 11:30 a.m.):
- Suah African Dance/Drum Group
- Katie Black, Middle Eastern dance
- Arts Alive, modern liturgical dance
- Aikido martial arts/Susan Dalton & students

Grease Under Her Nails Since Childhood, Student Looks Toward Automotive Future

Arlene Carson, 24, is one of the few female students enrolled in ACC’s Automotive Systems Technology this calendar year, but she has been working on cars since she was a young girl. Now she and her husband—a U.S. Marine veteran studying pre-med at ACC—are looking to turn their passions into well-paying careers.

Arlene and her three brothers grew up poor, raised by her grandmother in upstate New York. It was there, beginning about age six, that her interest in working on automobiles formulated as she handed mechanics’ tools to her uncle as he worked on his car—the first step in watching and learning as she grew. By age 16, she was working on her own vehicle.

“I didn’t have much choice getting interested and learning surrounded by guys in my family,” says Arline.

After the family moved to Ohio, Arline got a job while in high school at Valvoline as a result...
2014 SGA Candidates: Election April 21 & 22

Here’s a look at candidates running for Student Government Association executive seats. (Candidates’ text is verbatim from their election application letters). ACC students should check their student email accounts to vote via SurveyMonkey.com on April 21-22.

President
JOE BAKER: “I originally attended ACC in 1997 by taking the NC Real Estate pre-licensing courses required to ultimately earn my broker’s license. In addition, I have taken some continuing education course of personal interest. As recently as the fall of 2012, I have decided to pursue my undergraduate studies in Business Administration by enrolling in the University Transfer program. ACC has been the perfect fit for my objectives both as a full-time worker and full-time student. I have become involved with the SGA for a year, currently serving as Senator. Through my involvement, I felt a calling for more involvement in helping to advocate for students as well as helping to facilitate change in current procedures where appropriate and the overall student experience. As President, I would continue to create a greater awareness of the SGA as an organization that has something to offer every student, club, and club member in the school. I bring a strong commitment to grow the SGA in terms of advocacy for students to succeed in their academics, and participation in student or club activities. My consistent participation in regularly scheduled meetings, conferences, and my creation of an awareness committee should prove that my involvement is above the minimum. I have an extensive background in marketing and business relations. In addition, I have maintained a 4.0 GPA, satisfied requirements for induction into the National Society of Leadership and Success, and served as a Graduation Marshal. I am eager to hear suggestions, comments, and concerns from any student so that I may do what I can to make their college experience more meaningful and productive.”

STEPHEN DE SIMONE II: “Over the past year, I have grown to love the community college system and to truly appreciate what it does for students. Now I want to give back to the college and improve students’ experience. I can bring a new perspective to SGA, and I will work hard to make changes at ACC that benefit the student body. I have garnered experience over the past year in SGA, and I’ve attended numerous conferences and local meetings. Furthermore, I have participated in public speaking for several years, and I intend to address numerous issues in the coming year. I would like to see the SGA accomplish numerous issues next year. To further service students’ need for computer access, I want SGA to lobby for another technology lab to the school. Secondly, learning a foreign language is an important part of college for students, and ACC needs to offer another foreign language. I want to raise awareness of services offered at ACC, such as clubs, tutoring, events, and the newsletter. Currently, the school only offers Spanish, but French would be a great addition to the foreign language curriculum, and we can explore other languages. SGA can play a very important role in lobbying for these changes, and I want to see these two goals achieved during my term as president.”

JEFF WEBSTER: “I would like to become the President of SGA because serving as the Vice President I have witnessed how the SGA operates and interacts with the faculty, staff, and students. I have worked with the President of the college and Board of Trustees through my ambassador experience and many know me by name. I want to bring to the table my work experience in working with the public in negotiations and my problem-solving skills. I bring over 25 years of experience in working with the public as a manager and underling in various companies. I would like to see a more active role played on campus by the SGA and to let the student body know that we, as the SGA, are here to help them in any way we possibly can in obtaining their goals and furthering their education at ACC.”

Vice President
JOUDIE THOMPSON: “I would love to serve another year on the SGA board. I have learned a lot this past year attending division meetings that had team workshops and attending fall/spring conferences and would love to see us finish some of the ideas we started in 2013-2014. I would love to keep giving back to the students of ACC and to support them in giving back to the school and to get them better acquainted with what SGA has to offer. I have some new ideas for events and would love the opportunity to bring them to ACC. I would like to get the students more involved in the outside community service projects like the one I put together for Thanksgiving, helping the Piedmont Mission House. I want to make the students more aware of what they can do in their own community, and other projects that SGA has to offer. I’m a people person and I’m organized. I would love to be a part of the future of SGA.”

Treasurer
GABRIELLE ADKINS: “I plan on increasing club activity to managing money more efficiently and keeping all reports up to date. I want to help improve our school because I believe in our education and [that students should] experience college to the fullest extent. I want our school to offer more clubs and have students feel more involved in upcoming events.”
South Korean native Sang Ho Lee is best known in Alamance County these days as the owner and instructor of Lee Brothers Martial Arts Academy in Burlington. But Grand Master Lee—as Sang Ho is known—believes strongly in fulfilling educational goals. That’s why he graduated from Alamance Community College a few years ago so that he could transfer to UNCG to complete his bachelor’s degree.

Lee started training in the martial art of Tae Kwon Do at age nine while growing up in South Korea.

“In Korea, Tae Kwon Do is a national sport,” he says. “Therefore many elementary school students are already exposed to this art, like baseball or soccer is in America.”

Since coming to America in 1986 with his brothers, Lee has taught Tae Kwon Do to all ages, beginning in Fairfax County, Va. (1986-88), Wake County, NC (1988-91), and in Alamance County (1991-present). Today Lee is a 7th Degree Black Belt.

Lee opened the first professional, full-time martial arts academy in Burlington, NC in 1991. With his five brothers—all Masters and Grand Masters in Tae Kwon Do—his business quickly became successful. He also has trained competitors from South Korea universities and the Korean National Teams when they trained in America.

Lee enrolled as a university transfer student at ACC in 2006 because “I couldn’t find the time to finish my schooling since I had become so busy with my business. But I wanted to return to college and finish my goal of studying business and hospitality.”

While at ACC, he was a stellar student. He was named to the President’s List, was appointed to SGA, participated in Sigma Psi, and served as a student ambassador.

“When I returned to college at ACC, I really wanted to focus and not get sidetracked. The dedication was there but I knew doing this and operating a business might be difficult. The faculty at ACC really helped me build a strong foundation academically so I could transfer to UNCG.”

After earning his degree from ACC, Lee continued at UNCG where he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in Hospitality and Tourism, with a minor in Business.

Grand Master Lee did not allow any distractions to deter him from completing his goals to be the best possible business owner he could be. In fact, Lee received the Piedmont Business Ethics Award in 2013 and Excellence in Service Award from District Attorney of Alamance County, Pat Nadolski in 2014.

“I always emphasize to my students at my school to perform well academically as well as maintain strong physical skills,” he says.
ACC President Advocates for ACC in Nation’s Capital

“I personally believe that student success is everybody’s business, from the top down and from the bottom up,” says ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood. “We at the college all have a responsibility for ensuring that students are successful and the president of the college is key in this effort.”

Dr. Algie Gatewood carried that belief with him to Washington D.C. recently when he attended the annual conference of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

The AACC is the primary advocacy organization for the nation’s community colleges. Its annual conference is among the largest gatherings of educational leaders, attracting community college presidents and senior administrators, as well as international educators, representatives of business and industry and federal agencies. The AACC promotes student access, learning, and success; community college leadership development; economic and workforce development; and global and intercultural education.

“The conference spent a tremendous amount of emphasis on student success issues, which is a huge focal point here at ACC since I began my tenure,” said Dr. Gatewood. “They talked about how best to put together effective processes and strategies that ensure students achieve at high levels at a given community college.”

Dr. Gatewood participated in sessions whose topics included: remediation and strategies on helping socially and economically disenfranchised students get the help they need; presentations on successful programs to help minority male students succeed; how to attract international students as a means of giving local community college students access to impacting global issues; leveraging private-public partnerships; bridging the gap between K-12 and community colleges; and how to identify targeted groups—including the age 50-plus demographic—in an effort to address their educational and career needs.

Prior to his return to Alamance County, Dr. Gatewood used his remaining time in D.C. to schedule meetings with elected officials (or their aides) who represent the interests of Alamance County: Congressman Howard Coble, Congressman David Price, Senator Richard Burr, and Senator Kay Hagan. Dr. Gatewood discussed federal grant opportunities for ACC and inquired how to keep Pell grants as fluid as possible for needy students.

ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood met with U.S. Rep. Howard Coble during his recent business trip to Washington D.C.

Automotive Systems student Arline Carson worked hard under the hood during class.

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of an automotive class she took that paved the way for her to become a certified automotive technician.

Says Arline: “I’ve always been kind of high strung, and I tend to stay out of trouble if I stay busy. So working on cars has always been a good thing for me.”

Arline met her future husband, Nicholas, at age 16. They dated for two years while they finished high school and married at 18 right after Nicholas completed Marine boot camp.

Arline quit her job when they married and that’s when the couple got their first view and taste of North Carolina while stationed at Camp Lejeune. They fell in love with the milder weather after growing up in New York and Ohio. Arline worked at a lube garage while Nicholas served his country.

In 2009, Nicholas was transferred to California and Arline opted to increase her education there by becoming certified as a medical assistant. She also earned a certificate in sports medicine. She thought the health field was her career pathway but that would change.

Nicholas was trained in chemical defense while in the marines and earned a B.A. in Health Care Administration after he left the military. The couple decided to return to North Carolina with the knowledge they wanted to continue their education because their finances were unstable and they had two young children to raise.

Settling in the Triad, they both looked at a nearby community college but the school’s large classes did not appeal to them. That’s when their direction turned to Alamance Community College, with its small classes and central location. They both enrolled in fall 2013—Arline in automotive systems and Nicholas in science classes on a trek for pre-med. He has already been accepted to UNCG for this fall.

“When I first looked into ACC’s automotive program, I liked what I saw,” says Arline. “[Automotive instructor] Jerry Yeatts became a real friend, helping me get my paperwork in order. Nicholas and I know that completing our ACC education is going to lead to a better future for us and our kids.”
Meet ACC Alumnus 
Sam Hargrave 
Have you seen Captain America: Winter Soldier yet? What about The Avengers? If so, you saw an ACC alumnus in action. ACC graduate Sam Hargrave works in the film industry as a stunt man, most recently doubling for Captain America star Chris Evans (Sam is pictured left with actor Chris Evans on the film set). He has worked as a stunt man and stunt coordinator on some of Hollywood’s biggest films such as X-Men Origins: Wolverine, Pirates of the Caribbean II and III, The Avengers, and The Hunger Games franchise.

Before making it to California, Sam was an ACC University Transfer student and student ambassador. After completing his requirements at ACC, Sam transferred to UNC Chapel Hill where he graduated in 2004 with a degree in Communication Studies—Media Production.

Sam still keeps in touch with ACC and supports the ACC Foundation.

PTK Chapter Wins Awards at Regional Conference
Five ACC students attended the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conference in Charleston, SC in mid-March, winning several important awards:

- Regional Hall of Honors Member: Chelsea Greenhaw (former PTK president).
- International 5 Star Award - highest level of recognition a chapter can receive on an international level.
- Regional Award of Excellence for the Regional Honors in Action Project - for a written paper on the role of comfort food in the South.
- Regional Award of Excellence for the Regional Service Project—for a report describing ACC’s PTK work with Hospice, and for participating in Relay for Life and the Haw River Clean-Up.
- International Recognition for College Project—during the first week of each semester, PTK members distributed maps and security information; lists of deans, department heads, and campus clubs; and directed new students to classrooms.

ACC Foundation Has Summer Aid Available
Students: Are you planning to take summer classes and wondering how you will pay tuition? The ACC Foundation has over $180,000 available in summer scholarships. The time for students to apply is NOW.

To do so:
- Visit https://alamancecc.academicworks.com/ or look for the online application form on the ACC website: www.alamancecc.edu
- Click on “Paying For College” (blue bar at top)
- Click on “Types of Financial Aid” (2nd choice on right—do not click on “Apply for Financial Aid”) next, click on “Types of Scholarship” (2nd choice)
- Click on yellow link to fill out scholarship application.
- Deadline for summer is April 30.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Foundation Office (506-4416) or Financial Aid (506-4109 or 506-4340).

Other Scholarship Opportunities
Grasshopper Entrepreneur Scholarship awards an actively enrolled college student $5,000 towards tuition/books in 2014. Eligibility requirements are for any student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in Spring, Summer or Fall 2014 semester. Deadline to apply is April 30. A winner will be selected and announced on or before May 31. Details can be found at http://grasshopper.com/entrepreneur-scholarship/.

PTK students from ACC who attended the conference were (from left) Kathy Getkin, Avery Harper, Dillon Gantos, Cindy Palomo, Ryan Spruill, and faculty advisor Laura Kassler.

Culinary Students Volunteer Time. Members of the student Culinary Hot Foods Team, who won a silver medal at January’s ACF competition, are encouraged by Dept. Head Brian Bailey to volunteer their time to the community. In the past, students have worked at farmers’ markets and a homeless shelter. Recently, for the third straight year, Bailey and the students volunteered their services to the Arts Council of Alamance County. Bailey and students Kim Calvey, Sarah Cooper, Jodie Holder, Zakhar Vorsulev, and Richard Hogan prepared and served a meal they had entered in the ACF competition. Said Bailey: “Arts Council members offered positive responses and many commented that they would tell friends about our program. They said they didn’t realize the level of expertise we have.”
“Silent Walk” to Support Victims

**WHAT:** “Silent Walk” to support victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence

**WHO:** Sponsored by Sigma Psi

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 1, 1:30 p.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate; meet in Student center near SGA office.

Sexual Assault Counselor on Campus

CrossRoads Sexual Assault Response and Resource Center has an Advocate on campus providing confidential support services to anyone having experienced rape, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse or other significant trauma around the issue of sexual violence. The Advocate is on campus Tuesdays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the Academic Advising Center for the remainder of the semester.

History Buffs: Help Research Historic Document

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Students who participate will be invited to the History Club pizza party at the end of April, where the research work will be discussed.

Dollars & Sense: Student Financial Planning Workshops

**WHAT:** DEBT MANAGEMENT: MAKING ENDS MEET

**WHEN/WHERE:** Tuesday, April 29, 1-2 p.m., G233

**BEST BET:** $25 gas card give away at this session

**WHAT:** BUDGETING 101

**WHEN/WHERE:** Wednesday, April 30, 12:30-1:30 p.m., G233

Extra Credit passes will be available.

**WHAT:** MANAGING CREDIT

**WHEN/WHERE:** Wednesday, May 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m., G234

**BEST BET:** $25 gas card give away at this session; participants will be registered to win a grand prize $100 ACC Bookstore gift card. Extra Credit passes will be available.

Sponsored by Student Development, Financial Aid, and Career Services

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**Plant Sale**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Horticulture Department (front of greenhouse)

**Sale items:** Annuals, perennials, herb plants, vegetable plants, hanging baskets, foliage plants

**Gardening Demos:** 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Come learn something new from Horticulture students:
- make your own hydroponic system
- proper pruning techniques
- plant division—multiply your plants for free
- how to plant trees and shrubs

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ACC Hosts Legislative Breakfast, Tour

College administrators met with Republican state representatives Dennis Riddell and Stephen M. Ross on April 2 at a legislative breakfast on campus to discuss local and state issues impacting ACC and to provide a tour of campus facilities. President Dr. Algie Gatewood, ACC board chair Carl Steinbicker, and ACC board vice chair Doug Fincannon were on hand to discuss the N.C. Community College’s Legislative Agenda, which includes a request to keep in place $37 million currently earmarked for all NC community colleges. Campus leaders and the two representatives later toured several programs, including Computer-Integrated Machining, Welding Technology, Automotive Systems Technology, Air Conditioning/Heating/Refrigeration, Nursing, Biotechnology, and Dental Assisting.
Open House for HS Students
A record 350-plus high school juniors and seniors and their parents came to ACC’s annual spring open house to meet and talk with faculty and staff about enrolling at Alamance Community College. Prospective students had the opportunity to tour departments of interest, receive admissions and financial aid info, and see the extracurricular opportunities available to students. Door prizes included a chance to win a $50 gas card, an ACC free class donated by the ACC Foundation, and an ACC bookstore gift card.

Retiree Luncheon
(Bottom left) Longtime ACC employees now retired were feted with a luncheon that served not only as a reunion for many former co-workers, but also as an opportunity to meet and hear from ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood, who completes his first year at the helm of the institution this October.

New Business Partner
(Bottom right) Harbor Freight Tools held a grand opening on April 9, donating $500 worth of products to the ACC automotive and welding departments. Seen here are Store Manager Dave Morgan and District Manager Chris Stevens surrounded by ACC Automotive Systems students, ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood, and Business Technologies Associate Dean Scott Queen.

A Spring Career Fair...
the second week of April gave students an opportunity to meet with and obtain information from more than 30 employers. Students were encouraged to bring resumes to take advantage of free resume critiques offered each day. The college also scheduled several job interview prep workshops in the days prior to the career fair.

Resource Fair
ACC’s Dillingham Center in Burlington sponsored its second annual Resource Fair and Student Appreciation Day on April 10 with more than a dozen agencies on hand to tell students about services offered in Alamance County. Organizing the event was Rachel Hussey, Retention and Transition Coordinator for the Academic and Career Readiness department.