ACC, UNCG Sign Historic Nursing Nursing Agreement

ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood and UNCG-Chancellor Dr. Linda Brady signed an historic agreement on July 10 that will allow graduates of ACC’s Associate Degree Nursing program to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) on the community college’s campus.

“These BSN credentials make nurses more competitive in today’s job market, and that competitive edge will give Alamance Community College students exactly what they need,” said ACC’s Dr. Gatewood. “This really bridges the gaps and ensures that more of our students and people from this community will have opportunities before them that they’ve never had before.”

Under the auspices of this collaboration, students taking UNCG RN-BSN classes at ACC will take both online classes and a face-to-face class one afternoon a week. The ACC students will be charged UNCG distance learning rates and not have to pay some of the fees required of residential students. Additionally, because the face-to-face class will be offered on the ACC campus one afternoon a week, students can save traveling time and expense.

“Collaborations like this are the way of the future,” said UNCG Chancellor Brady. “We can leverage the strengths of the community college, and we can leverage the strengths of the university. We can certainly allow community college graduates to earn the BSN degree more affordably and more efficiently. I think the balanced classroom and online approach is ideal.”

Classes will begin in the Spring 2015 semester on ACC’s main campus. Admission preference will be shown to recent ACC nursing graduates, but other RNs in the area will be allowed to join the cohort as space allows.
ACC Accreditation Reaffirmed

Alamance Community College’s accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

ACC’s reaffirmation of its accreditation signifies that the College has resources, programs, and specific educational objectives to accomplish and sustain its mission consistent with the standards of good practice in higher education. Consequently, it ensures that ACC students are permitted to transfer to accredited four-year colleges and universities.

The accreditation is also important because it means ACC maintains its authority to offer federal financial aid, which is utilized by 70-75% of ACC students, according to the College’s Student Development Office.

“Thereaffirmation of our accreditation is the result of excellent leadership and teamwork executed by a great faculty and staff,” said college trustee Dr. Richard “Dick” Fisher.

Educational institutions are required to reaffirm their accreditation every ten years. ACC last underwent this process in 2003.

The reaffirmation process began in 2011 with a lengthy self-written, documented compliance report by the College addressing 92 standards. After SACS reviewed the report, it determined that ACC had 19 areas not in compliance. In summer 2013, ACC addressed these issues. The on-site SACS team that visited the campus in fall 2013 met with numerous faculty, staff, and students and reported that the College had resolved 16 issues with three that needed additional refinement.

The three issues all fell under the category of institutional effectiveness, or how the College operates to meet its mission. Consequently, ACC resolved these data-driven issues that included research-based planning, administrative support services, and student support services.

Large Elon Scholarship Benefits ACC Transfer Students

ACC students transferring to Elon University have an opportunity to qualify for a new scholarship that will pay a large percentage of annual tuition for one student each year.

Beginning in fall 2015, one ACC student will be selected to receive an annual scholarship of $22,500 to be applied toward the cost of tuition, fees, room and board. The award is renewable for up to three years, when the scholarship will be awarded to the next recipient.

The scholarship is intended to support ACC students with documented financial need and who would not be able to attend Elon University without significant financial assistance.

Each scholarship recipient will be chosen based on outstanding character, academic promise and talent valued by the Elon community, with preference given to Alamance County residents. No separate scholarship application is required, and every eligible student from Alamance Community College with at least 24 transferrable credit hours will be considered for the award.

“This award is Elon’s first transfer merit scholarship and reflects the university’s commitment to Alamance County,” said Greg Zaiser, vice president for admissions and financial planning. “Alamance Community College sends transfer students to Elon University annually and we are pleased to provide financial resources to encourage more students to consider completing their higher education at Elon.”

Scholarship recipients will be announced in the spring semester prior to fall enrollment. To remain eligible for continued support, scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.7 cumulative grade point average and be continuously enrolled full-time at Elon University, maintaining 28 credit hours per year or more.

This scholarship was established in 2013 by an anonymous donor committed to helping students fulfill their dreams of a higher education. Said ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood: “We are very grateful to Elon University and their President Dr. Leo Lambert, and especially to the anonymous donor for making this opportunity available to an ACC student to complete the baccalaureate degree. We at Alamance Community College look forward to continuing to enhance our relationship with Elon University.”
$9,000 UW Grant Will Help Students Pay GED Exam Fees

The United Way of Alamance County has awarded a $9,000 grant to help local residents with fees associated with the GED exam at Alamance Community College.

State test fees for the GED (General Educational Development) are now $20 per test, or $80 for the battery of four tests.

The money will be used:

- To pay for GED test fees for qualified students--those who are enrolled in ACC’s program; those who indicate readiness for the GED on pre-tests; and those who have financial need.
- To assist GED & Adult High School students who are experiencing a particular financial hardship with transportation or other needs to enable them to complete their program.

Claire Ricci, Director of ACC’s Academic and Career Readiness department, said the grant is allocated for fiscal year 2014-2015.

“Between the test fees and the other assistance, we should be able to help close to 100 individual students overall,” said Ricci. “[With the acquisition of this grant], this is a great time for students to come to ACC to complete their high school equivalency.”

The ACC campus hosted a gathering of about 150 local business leaders for a “State of Alamance County” panel discussion that featured college President Dr. Algie Gatewood (above at podium). The event was sponsored and facilitated by the Triad Business Journal and featured an interactive dialogue that addressed issues pertaining to education and economic development.
Queen Begins Tenure as Interim Executive Vice President

ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood named Scott Queen as Interim Executive Vice President of Educational Programs and Services, effective on June 16. He fills the position vacated by Dr. Gene Couch, who now serves as president of Virginia Highlands Community College in southwest Virginia.

ACC alumnus Queen began teaching here 15 years ago in Computer Information Technology and Business Administration. He won the W. Ronald McCarter Excellence in Teaching Award and has served as Distance Learning Coordinator, Business Administration Department Head and most recently as Associate Dean for Business Technologies. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Community College Executive Leadership from Wingate University.

Queen is expected to hold this position for a minimum of six months.

Shekitha Rogers is the College’s new Administrative Secretary in Financial Aid. Since November 2012, Rogers had worked as office assistant in Admissions and Records. Her previous employment prior to ACC was three years as a customer service representative at Capital Bank in Graham. She earned an Associate in Applied Science degree from ACC in Medical Office Administration in 2012.

Barb Young has joined the Office of Institutional Advancement/ACC Foundation as Administrative Assistant. For the past year, she has worked in the President’s Office as Administrative Secretary. Barb’s previous employment includes administrative assistant with The Salvation Army of Rockingham County; executive secretary and training coordinator at AIG United Guaranty; and administrative assistant to the president at Southern Webbing Mills and AMI DODUCO. Barb will serve both Institutional Advancement and the President’s Office until a replacement in the latter is hired.

Charles Parks, Accounting Department Head/instructor, has been appointed Interim Dean of Arts & Sciences/Business Technologies. Guerry Stirling-Willis, Department Head of Business Administration, has been appointed to oversee the Accounting program, vacated by Parks.

Paulette Powell is the new coordinator of the Human Resource Development or HRD program, in the Continuing Education division. Since 2007, she had taught HRD classes in basic computer skills and employability skills on a part-time basis. She was recognized as ACC’s Continuing Education Instructor of the Year in 2011. Powell, who has bachelor and master degrees in religious education, is experienced in various computer technologies including Blackboard and Moodle distance education instruction.

Welcome New Employees

Andrea Edwards joined the College as Senior Accounting Technician on July 1. She had worked as Accountant/Budget Analyst at Elon University since 1996. She has a B.S. in Business Administration and a MBA, both from Elon University.

Kevin Rackley is an instructor in Developmental Mathematics. An experienced finance manager, he has worked as a math teacher at Burlington Christian Academy since 2009. Kevin earned a B.S. in Mathematics (Cum Laude) from Liberty University, and completed his Masters of Education in Teaching and Learning from Liberty University this month.

Thomyka Holloman is a new instructor in Computer Information Technology. Since 2010, she taught Information Technology/Computer Programming at Beaufort County Community College in Washington, NC. Thomyka was also an adjunct computer instructor at Wilson Community College and Edgecombe Community College. She has a B.S. in Industrial Technology from Elizabeth City State University, and from University of Phoenix earned a M.S. in Information Systems and an MBA.

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**Dan Schipman** is a new Administrator in Information Services. He comes to ACC after working for many years at UNC Greensboro as a computer consultant and, since 2008, an Instructional Technology Specialist. Dan has a B.A. in History from UNCG. He is a Cisco Certified Network Associate and an A+ Certified PC Technician.

**Justin Fowler** has joined the Advertising and Graphic Design program as an instructor. Employed as Graphic Department Head at Howard Keys in Charlotte since 2010, Justin also worked as a seminar instructor with Mical.com in High Point. He also served as Lead Graphic Designer at EdMedica, LLC in San Diego, Ca. Justin earned an A.A.S. degree in Digital Animation from School of Communications Arts in Raleigh. He is also a 3rd degree Black Belt and instructor in Traditional Tae Kwon Do.

**Gustavo Sa** is a new instructor in Curriculum Mathematics. Since 2008, he had taught at Carolina Friends School in Durham. He also has experience teaching math at Columbus State Community College in Ohio and at the University of Toledo. He earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Shawnee State University, and a M.A. in Mathematics from Marshall University.

More new employee introductions in next issue.

**SERVICE AWARDS**

Several employees received service pins at the August faculty/staff meeting for their years of service to the College.

- **Remona Beagle**—25 years Administrative Secretary, Student Development
- **Lydia Carr**—15 years Student Data Technician, Student Development
- **Betty Justice**—15 years Assessment Specialist, Continuing Education
- **Scott Queen**—15 years Interim Executive Vice President
- **Beth Brehler**—10 years Director of Enrollment Management
- **Candy Harmon**—10 years Purchasing Technician, Administrative and Fiscal Services
- **Jennifer Jones**—10 years Instructor, Early Childhood
- **Denise Lloyd-Forbes**—10 years Tutor, Skills Lab
- **Lynn Rumley**—10 years Senior Office Assistant, Administrative and Fiscal Services
- **Ben Shirley**—10 years Instructor, Sociology
- **Lakeisha Vance**—10 years Department Head, Computer Information Technology
- **Stephanie Waters**—10 years Executive Assistant to the President
- **Courtney Doi**—5 years Instructor, English
- **Jerilyn Free**—5 years Department Head, Horticulture Technology
- **Carol Kawula**—5 years Instructor, Horticulture Technology
- **Linda Orin**—5 years Instructor, Cosmetology
- **Michelle Perry**—5 years Instructor, Mathematics
- **Anne Poteat**—5 years Instructor, Advertising and Graphic Design
- **Jerry Yeatts**—5 years Instructor, Automotive Systems Technology

Accompanied by ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood are employees recognized for 10, 15, and 25 years of service to the College (note: Bill Fonville (front) accepting for Denise Lloyd-Forbes).
New SGA Officers Elected for 2014-15
Meet Jeff Webster, new SGA President for 2014-15.
“I bring over 25 years of experience working with the public as a manager and employee in various companies,” says Jeff, a Horticulture Technology student. “I plan to have SGA play a more active role on campus and let the student body know that we are here to help them in any way we possibly can in obtaining their goals and furthering their education at ACC. As a student ambassador, I have worked with the President and Board of Trustees and I look forward to continuing to work with them as well as the faculty and staff to make sure ACC continues to succeed in all its endeavors.”

Joining Jeff Webster on the SGA Executive Board this year are Jodie Thompson, vice president; Stephen DeSimone, secretary, and Gabrielle Adkins, treasurer. The year’s first SGA meeting is in Room 230 (Student Center) on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Adjunct Institute Sets First Meetings
Adjunct instructors are encouraged to mark their calendars for the first meetings of the Adjunct Institute, coordinated by Sherri Singer (Dept. Head, Social & Behavioral Sciences) that gives part-time instructors an opportunity to earn a professional development certificate.

“HOW AND WHEN TO DROP”–B204 (facilitator, Scott Queen), Tuesday, Aug. 26, 10:55-11:10 a.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 27, 12:15-12:30 p.m.

“ENGAGING STUDENTS THE FIRST SIX WEEKS”–B204 (facilitator, Sherri Singer), Tuesday, Sept. 9, 10:55-11:10 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 10, 12:15-12:30 p.m.

New Students, Faculty/Staff: Activate ‘ACC Alerts’
Emergency alerts are automatically linked to all student, staff and faculty ACCess email accounts. Participants have an option to add additional emergency phone numbers, including those for text messages, if they open an “ACC Alerts” account:

1. Go to www.alamancecc.edu/safety-and-security/ and click on “ACC Alerts.”
2. Click “Request a Password” at bottom of page
3. Enter your ACCess email address and click “Reset Password” (faculty/staff can use either their Groupwise or ACCess account)
4. You will receive an email from do-not-reply@regroup.com with a link to reset your password. If you do not see the email, check your spam folder.
5. Use the link to reset your password.
6. Login at the above address
7. Click on “Email/Phone” to add your info

Message types include emergency situations on campus, and all weather alerts which are used to inform students and employees about class delays.

Note: Students who took a semester break (including summer) need to re-enroll to receive notifications. This helps to ensure the accuracy and privacy of their contact information, as well as prevents them from receiving alerts when they are no longer students.

Student Activities Calendar

SGA WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION. Monday, Aug. 18 & Tuesday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-6 p.m., Student Center.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) MEETING. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2:30 p.m., Room 230 (Student Center).

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES OPEN HOUSE. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Students are invited to drop in the Academic Advising Center, Library, Skills Lab, and Writing Center to learn more about available services and to meet the staffs.

ROTARACT CLUB INTEREST MEETING. Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1-2 p.m., Room 230 (Student Center). Refreshments provided.

HIV TESTING BY ALAMANCE CARES. Wednesday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 228 (Student Center).

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Thursday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Student Center.

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT. Friday, Aug. 29, 6-10 p.m., Burlington Bowling Alley. This event is for all ACC students and their family and friends.

CROSSROADS: SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE & RESOURCE CENTER. Counselor on campus, Room 228, Student Center, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. starting Monday, Sept. 8.

FIRST FRIDAY FITNESS CHALLENGES will be offered on the first Friday of each month. Please join Student Success staff on Friday, Sept. 5, for Zumba in the Student Center at 1 p.m. This is open to students, faculty and staff.
“Our Crafter’s Corner”
...was the name given to a week of craft activities for middle school-age summer campers in late July at The Dillingham Center. Organized by Community Services Director Ellen McBane, the camp gave six youths an opportunity to explore the art of heritage crafts (wood turning, pottery, chair caning, jewelry, and acrylic painting). Instructors Jan Holloman (above) and Steve Cann (below) conducted the pottery workshop, assisted by teen staffer Tara Newlin.

The Salvation Army’s Boys & Girls Club of Alamance County
...toured the ACC campus in July to learn more about the College’s programs and services. ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood (pictured) met with more than 70 members, ages 5 to 18, and talked about the value of education and success factors in life. The tour was part of ACC’s outreach to underserved populations, tied to the 2014-16 Marketing Plan. While the children toured various ACC departments, Dr. Gatewood discussed outreach partnerships with club advisors.

Career and College Promise Informational Sessions
ACC presented informational programs this summer—to ABSS faculty, and parents and high school students—about Career and College Promise, an innovative program that allows qualified juniors and seniors to take college credit courses and earn an associate’s degree while still in high school. A number of ABSS students have successfully matriculated through ACC the past two years and transferred to universities as second-semester sophomores.
Graduation
Alamance Community College graduated a total of 975 students in summer 2014—353 receiving their GED and Adult High School diplomas; 622 students earning degrees, diplomas and certificates in curriculum programs.

Officer of the Quarter
Officer of the Quarter recipient for the second quarter (April-June) was ACC security officer Ben White (left) who serves on the main campus. Making the presentation was Ryan Hendricks, security supervisor.

Board of Trustees Update
Above left, during the August 11 Board of Trustees meeting, (from left) vice-chair Jerry Bailey, SGA student president Jeff Webster, and chairman Doug Fincannon were sworn in for the 2014-15 year. Above right, outgoing Board of Trustees chairman Carl Steinbicker (right) was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service to the college and students.

Recruiting students
...for ACC's machining program this summer during an OK Sales “cruise-in” car show at Northern Tool were (left) Adam Self, Department Head of Computer-Integrated Machining, instructor Dan Quatrone, and (not pictured) Kim Quatrone, an ACC graduate who volunteered her time to machining by designing flyers and ads. The ACC educators talked to potential students as part of the college’s recruiting and community outreach program. Quatrone’s Russian motorcycle with sidecar served as a conversation piece to attract customers.