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JAN. 14  Payment Deadline (for Jan. 8-13 Registrations)

ACC Added to PART Bus Transit Route, Expanding Student Options

Alamance Community College has been added to a Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) commuter route, connecting prospective students in Guilford, Alamance and Orange counties with the College.

PART is a public transportation system that serves and connects some major metropolitan areas in North Carolina’s Piedmont region.

This new transportation option for students—at no cost to the College begins January 12.

“We are particularly excited because this route will also connect to stops in Whitsett, Burlington, Graham and Mebane, opening access to more prospective students and better serving our current student base,” said ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood.

“This is welcome news because transportation is frequently one of the biggest barriers to college for many in our community. The College’s Strategic Plan includes an initiative aimed at mitigating transportation barriers.”

Three eastbound and three westbound stops are scheduled Monday through Friday at Alamance Community College, providing commuter options both in the morning and in the afternoon.

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Distance Learning Center Opens for Spring

ACC’s new Distance Learning Center is open and ready to assist students taking online classes. The DL Center is located in the main building near the café (in a renovated faculty/staff lounge) with offices for two staff members and three computer stations for students and staff taking and teaching online classes.

Online and hybrid courses have grown in popularity, with enrollment up by more than 650 since 2010 and by almost 11 percent since 2013.

Jennifer Jones joined the College on January 2 as the new Director of Distance Learning to focus on expanding the online programs ACC offers. Elizabeth Irizarry is the Coordinator for Distance Learning that helps troubleshoot and support online students and faculty.

“Online classes allow us to open our programs to the world by bringing the learning to the students,” said Jones.

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### Route 4 Alamance Burlington Express

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**OUR MISSION**
To enhance the quality of all forms of transportation for each of our citizens through efficient use and protection of our natural, economic and human resources.
“With family members working in the medical field, I was inspired as a high school senior to take EMT classes. When I went through the EMT training course at Alamance Community College, I learned so much—about the human body, how to assess patients, how to administer medications, and how to immobilize trauma patients. Following graduation in 2004, I worked for a convalescent ambulance service for a year. But I yearned to become a flight medic. I worked toward that goal by taking a critical care paramedic class while I accumulated four years’ experience on the road treating emergency patients. Now I work as a flight medic with Carolina Air Care. Thanks to the training at ACC, coming to work every day is a joy.”

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Pro Feet, Inc. of Burlington was named Alamance Community College’s 2014 Business Partner of the Year by the ACC Foundation for its outstanding support to students and graduates. The announcement was made during the annual Public Officials’ Breakfast at the College on Dec. 3.

Pro Feet, Inc. is a privately held company based in Burlington, NC. Founded in 1979 under the name of Volunteer Hosiery by Russell R. Wilson, the company changed its name in 1983 to Pro Feet, Inc. Today it services the sock and hosiery needs of athletic teams, the U.S. military, and public safety employees.

To qualify for this award, a business partner must support the College in the following: Number and quality of volunteers provided to ACC; opportunities provided by the business for current ACC students such as co-ops and clinical sites; number of ACC graduates hired annually by the business annually; and level of philanthropic support of the ACC Foundation and ACC.

Pro Feet, Inc. has fulfilled the criteria of the award with the following:

- Pro Feet, Inc. has been significantly supportive of ACC for decades, giving steadily since 1992.
- Although it employs only 16 employees, Pro Feet’s gifts to the ACC Foundation to date total nearly $50,000. Including donations from founder Russell Wilson, the total is $100,000.
- As a result of a significant commitment to the 2008 Anniversary Campaign, the ACC Foundation honored Pro Feet’s original owner with a named classroom.
- Pro Feet is a significant collaborative partner with the College. Of its 16 employees, three are ACC graduates: two are graphic designers and one is a member of its management team. In addition to these three, eight others have taken classes at ACC over the years through a tuition reimbursement program. Thus, 69% of Pro Feet employees have an affiliation with ACC.
- Pro Feet’s terms of volunteer service with the College has been significant: original owner, Russell Wilson, joined the ACC Foundation board in 1995, and served as president for four years. He chaired various fundraising campaigns and key committees, including the College’s 40th anniversary campaign, where he raised $40,000 from 25 companies for a total of $1 million in endowed funds. Over the years he raised in excess of $2 million. During the height of the recession, when the College needed additional parking, Wilson secured a six figure reduction in price on the property at the corner of the interstate and Jimmie Kerr Road. Wilson also served on the ACC Board of Trustees for 15 years, beginning in 1998, including two years as Chair.
- Pro Feet, Inc. was nominated by ACC Foundation Board of Directors member Wade Harrison. The final selection for this award was determined by a committee comprised of two members of the ACC Board of Trustees and two members of the ACC Foundation Board of Directors.

**DISTANCE ED from page 1**

"Our goal in distance learning is to provide students a user-friendly environment for active learning and to assist faculty in creating and delivering quality courses in an engaging and effective environment. We are excited about the new training opportunities and support coming this semester."

Expanding distance-learning enrollment is part of ACC’s strategic plan. ACC has 131 sections of online classes with multiple courses in those sections.
ACC Names New Dean for Business, Arts and Sciences

Alamance Community College has appointed Sonya McCook as the new Dean of Business, Arts and Sciences. McCook has taught in ACC’s Mathematics department for 17 years and has served as department head since August 2007.

During her tenure as department head, McCook implemented the new developmental math program as well as the state-wide curriculum improvement project for mathematics. She made valuable contributions to the College’s SACS-COC reaffirmation by chairing the General Education Outcomes Committee and serving on the SACS Compliance Team.

McCook has a B.S. in Mathematics from Appalachian State University, and a M.A. in Math from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Charles Parks, Accounting Department Head, served as dean for this division on an interim basis during the fall semester. Guerry Stirling-Willis, Business Administration Department Head, assisted with the Accounting program during this period of transition.

Welcome New Employees

Jennifer Jones is the new Director of Distance Learning. Since 2009, she worked as instructional designer at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh. From 2002-2009, she was an instructor in OST and Occupational Extension at the Federal Prison Complex via Vance-Granville Community College. She earned her Masters of Arts in Educational Media from Appalachian State University in 2010. She also has a B.S. in Foods and Nutrition from Appalachian. Jennifer’s office is in the new Distance Learning Center.

Jennifer Allred has joined the Nursing Assistant program as an instructor. Since 2013, she worked as a contract R.N. with both American Mobile Travel Co. and Cross Country Travel Co., both in Winston-Salem. Previously, she worked as a R.N. at Duke Regional Hospital, Person Memorial Hospital, and Alamance Regional Medical Center. She earned her Associate’s Degree in Nursing from Piedmont Community College.

Student Writers Honored with Awards, Reception

Students practiced their creative writing skills in competition for the annual Student Writing Contest and winners were announced during a Dec. 3 awards reception. All first place winners will be published in this spring’s campus literary magazine, The Explorer.

ACADEMIC ESSAY
1st: Michael Proctor–Huck Finn: A Coming of Age
2nd: David Babb–The Road to Truth: The Story of Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice

PERSONAL ESSAY
1st: Iridiana Rodríguez–Standing on the Border
2nd: Candace Hall–Goodbye, Teresa
3rd: Rebecca Landon–Against All Odds
Honorable Mention (tie): Samantha Hunter–Dead Birds Don’t Fly; Joseph Doss–Wrecked

FICTION
1st: Grace Gunter–Coffee Lingo
2nd: Grace Gunter–What Seems to be the Problem, Officer?
3rd: Megan Ward–A Knock on the Door
Honorable Mention: Stephany Wilson–Crossroads

POETRY
1st: Jessica Kruemmel–Night
2nd: Harold Riley, Jr.–What If
3rd: Candace Hall – On Returning to America After 9 Months in Israel
Honorable Mention: Danielle Johnson – Pass Her By
ACC Celebrates 30 Years of Small Business Support

The Small Business Center Network of the NC Community College System is celebrating 30 years of providing support and assistance to small businesses and start-ups across North Carolina. Small Business Centers (SBCs) are located at each of the state’s 58 community colleges, providing confidential business counseling and seminars to small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Ervin Allen, Director of the Small Business Center at Alamance Community College, says there is no such thing as overnight successes when it comes to start-up entrepreneurs. “It’s fulfilling to work with clients who are willing to put forth the commitment needed to see their business ventures develop, launch and prosper,” he says. “We are developing and constantly adjusting our business plan to reach and serve our entire county with the services and business offerings aspiring business owners require. We partner in these efforts with local bankers, CPA firms, business attorneys, groups like the Alamance Chamber of Commerce, the Mebane Business Association and the Women’s Resource Center. We also work with local entrepreneurs who are ready and willing to play their part in the economic development and growth of Alamance County.”

In 2013-2014, ACC’s Small Business Center counseled 65 clients, hosted 55 workshops for 644 people, and served 709 business clients. “The ACC Lean curriculum has really helped me look at my business from a more focused prospective,” says Small Business Center graduate Joshua Alleman, owner of the Scooter Garage in Burlington which is preparing for expansion in 2015. “The resources and knowledge shared in the class opened up an incredible array of research possibilities and I’m going to have a much easier time moving forward with my business plan.”

Hank Williams, CEO of High On The Hog BB-Q Co. in Snow Camp, also prof-
Civil Rights Veteran is Keynote Speaker for ACC’s MLK Jr. Celebration

The College will host the annual celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Thursday, January 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the student center.

Keynote speaker will be Mr. Lewis Brandon, III, an educator and NC A&T State University graduate who worked as a student organizer during the early 1960s Greensboro “sit-in” movement. Brandon will provide insight and his “you were there” recollection of his experiences as a protestor at Greensboro’s Woolworth’s department store, movie theaters, and other venues.

Brandon, who met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he spoke at Greensboro’s Bennett College in 1958, is still involved in community activism. In 1990, he joined the Beloved Community Center in Greensboro which is dedicated to furthering equality. Still actively involved in community activism today, Brandon is a recipient of the Human Rights Medal from NC A&T State University and a Sit-In Participant Award from the International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

The ACC Chorus, under the direction of instructor Roger Lane, will perform two musical numbers: “Deep River” and “Don’t Feel No Way Tired.” Student Kiara Wiley will perform a short reading.

Students who attend will receive attendance slips for extra credit.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration is sponsored by the ACC Diversity Committee.

Lewis Brandon, a Civil Rights veteran of the early 1960s.

New Students, Faculty/Staff: Activate ‘ACC Alerts’

Alerts for weather and other emergencies are automatically linked to all student, staff and faculty ACCess email accounts. Participants are encouraged 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.

Book Donations Needed for Sale

- Books are being collected now for the annual Jean Slaughter Scholarship Book Sale, set for February 11 in front of the college bookstore. Books and other media items will sell for $2 or less.
- All proceeds from the book sale go toward supplementing the Jean Slaughter Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarded to students with financial need who are enrolled in the university transfer program. Jean Slaughter, English instructor and longtime head of university transfer, died in 2004.

Donation Locations: Bring books now through early February to B206 (office of Anne Helms & Susan Dalton).

Books Needed: General fiction, mysteries, craft and decorating books, cookbooks, children’s books, how-to books, travel books, biographies and comic books.

Tax Receipt: Anyone who wishes to receive tax credit for their donations may pick up a Non-Cash Gift Acceptance Form from the ACC Foundation office in the Gee Building.

Student Activities Calendar

Welcome Week Activities

STUDENT ACTIVITIES GIVEAWAYS—ACC Canteen area while supplies last. Monday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

DROP-IN TOURS: Library/Learning Resources Center—Tuesday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Academic Skills Lab/Writing Center—Wednesday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER OPEN HOUSE. University representatives will be in the Academic Advising Center. Thursday, Jan. 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

FAMILY ROLLER SKATING NIGHT. Stop by the SGA Office (Room 229 in student center) in advance for tickets. Limited number per family. Friday, Jan. 16, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Good Things to Know

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS. SGA is offering discounted movie tickets to Carousel Cinemas for $7 each. Tickets may be purchased from the Cashiers office (first floor Gee Building). Tickets expire Dec. 31, 2016. Tickets are not valid for special attractions; a list of restricted titles and dates are available at carouselalamancecrossing.com, or by calling the box office.
WFMY Features ACC Industrial Programs
WFMY News2 came to the ACC campus in early December to shoot a segment promoting Machining, Welding, and Industrial Systems Technology for a segment tied to a partnership with neighboring community colleges and aviation-related industries. Below, ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood appeared on camera talking with TV journalist MayCay Beeler as part of the piece.

Library Staff Donates to Food Bank
ACC’s library staff collected canned goods to donate to the college’s Food Bank in December. Library director Sheila Street reminds everyone that the food bank needs donations for students throughout the year. Pictured clockwise from lower right: Karon Griffin, Peggy Boswell, James Griffin, Peter Kracunas, Teresa Grubbs, Dorie Miller and (center) Sheila Street. Also contributing to the drive were Rita Zoccalante, Mary Covington, Angie Barker and Brad Ray.

Sigma Psi Donates to Christmas Cheer
Below left: Sigma Psi collected approximately $500 worth of toys for needy children in December during the club’s annual Christmas Cheer drive. Club advisors John Neathery and Ben Shirley said many thanks go to those who generously donated toys across the campus.

“Be a Santa to a Senior”
Below right: The Student Government Association (SGA) partnered with Home Instead Senior Care and Walgreens last fall for the “Be a Santa to a Senior” program that provides gifts to seniors in Alamance County who are alone and/or struggling financially. SGA sponsored an angel tree on campus and students and faculty/staff contributed gifts. Helping during a December wrapping party were (from left) SGA senator Cassey Hurlston and SGA vice president Jodie Thompson.