Students in Automotive Systems Technology displaced by a fire at the campus shop building in January are now continuing their on-hands education at the former Cox Toyota dealership on Church Street in Burlington.

The College negotiated a lease at the site because it provides ample space for students to learn using vehicle bays and lifts which is a crucial component of the curriculum’s lab activities.

“After much due diligence, the Cox site was identified as the best option, as it is reasonably close to the main campus and requires a minimal amount of preparation for occupancy,” said Scott Queen, Executive Vice President. “The program will remain at the Cox facility until suitable space is available on campus.”

Renovations to the fire-damaged automotive area on campus are expected to take about six months.

Classroom instruction for automotive students resumed at ACC’s Dillingham Center just days after the fire.

The building in which Automotive Systems Technology is housed also hosts the Welding and Horticulture programs. Instruction in those programs was unaffected by the fire. Automotive, Welding, Heating & Air, and Computer-Assisted Machinery programs are slated to be consolidated and expanded in the Advanced Applied Technology Center, which is expected to open in 2017.

Automotive students have continued their hands-on studies at the former Cox Toyota facility a short distance from the main campus.

## Automotive Students Relocated to Former Cox Toyota Site

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**MAR. 19**
Speed Interviewing, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Academic Advising Center

**MAR. 25**
Industrial Technologies Career Fair, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Student Commons

**APRIL 2-5**
College Closed–Easter Holidays

### Register Now for Fall...

**DON’T DELAY!**

Here’s the 411 on Registration & Payment Deadlines

**Going On Now**
Priority advising/registration open (both Summer & Fall 2015) for ALL current degree-seeking students

Students MUST meet with their advisors before registering to remove the Advisor hold.

**Monday, April 13**
Advising/registration opens (Summer & Fall 2015) for new, readmit, non-degree, and CCP students

**May 19-20**
Final registration for Summer; faculty advisors available 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.; final payment deadline for Summer is May 20

**Wednesday, June 24**
New student orientation for Fall 2015–General session (Deans) 2-2:45 p.m.; Departmental session (Dept. Heads) 3-4 p.m.

**Friday, August 7**
Payment deadline for Fall 2015

**Tuesday, August 11**
New student orientations for Fall 2015

- Day: General session (Deans) 2-2:45 p.m.; Departmental session (Dept. Heads) 3-4 p.m.
- Evening: General session (Deans) 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Departmental session (Dept. Heads) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 12**
Late registration–Faculty advisors available 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.

**Friday, August 14**
Fall 2015 registration ends at 3 p.m.

**Monday, August 17**
Fall classes begin
STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

COMING IN APRIL
- National Library Week’s “Bored and Brilliant Cell Phone Challenge”
- ACC’s Culture Day, Wednesday, April 29—Free Culinary Food, Performances, Student Clubs

MUSIC AND DRAMA CLUB TALENT SHOW
Do you have what it takes to be the most talented person on campus? Then come strut your stuff at the Music and Drama Club’s 1st Semi—annual Talent Show. Sing, dance, juggle, or do just about anything to make the judges love you.
Auditions are every Thursday at 2:15 p.m. in B303

ATTENTION GAMERS
Are you interested in video game club here at ACC? If so, contact Charles Langley at clangley811@access.alamancecc.edu

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEETINGS & MORE
ACC’s International Friendship Club invites students to attend upcoming meetings and events.

UPCOMING EVENTS HOSTED BY THE CLUB—See page 7
- Voting Rights
- “Drums Alive! Building Global Bridges”

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.
Search bar: ACC International Friendship Club

CAMPUS TRIP: March 22—Native American Pow-Wow, UNC campus 1-6 p.m.
Visit the club’s graffiti wall, 3rd floor of main building. Topics change monthly.

SIGMA PSI INVITES STUDENTS
Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC’s psychology/sociology club).
WHEN: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 12:15 p.m.
WHERE: Room 230, Student Center
ADVISORS: John Neathery and Ben Shirley

High school students are taking a machining course at ACC this spring as part of the Career and College Program (CCP).

ACC, ABSS, and Local Machining Companies Forge Partnership
Sixteen high school students are taking classes in ACC’s Computer-Integrated Machining program this spring as the result of a partnership between the College and Alamance Burlington Schools System (ABSS) after two local companies expressed a need for skilled workers.

The initiative provides three tuition-free machining courses to the students as part of Career and College Promise, a program that gives high school students a head start on their college credits.

ACC was approached last summer by local companies Sandvik and Frost Converting Systems Inc. for help in training qualified machinists because finding skilled applicants was proving difficult. The College utilized its ongoing partnership with ABSS to develop a plan and, following information sessions at each high school where potential students were identified, ABSS selected 16 students—5 juniors and 11 seniors—to start the classes this spring. ABSS provides transportation for the students to ACC’s Machining department five days a week.

Said Dr. Terry McNeill, Vice President of Institutional Support: “Sandvik and Frost Converting Systems are very excited and supportive of this CCP machining initiative. We are in discussions with them about their involvement.”

Involvement by the companies would include hosting an open house for the students and their parents to let them see what a working machine shop looks like and inform them about careers in machining, and specifically at those companies. The companies would host work-based learning co-op slots for the students after they enroll in ACC’s Computer-Integrated Machining program after high school graduation. Thirdly, the companies would provide scholarships to the students to complete their AAS degree in Computer-Integrated Machining.

“One these students finish their degrees, we believe they will be strongly considered for employment at these companies,” said McNeill.

The College is contacting other companies to invite them to participate in the program.

Missed Campus Alerts? Sign Up Now!
Alerts for weather and other emergencies are automatically linked to all student, staff and faculty ACCess email accounts. But 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.
Timothy McCann

Career and College Promise student

“My career goal to become a law enforcement officer got off to a good start when I took criminal justice classes at Alamance Community College as part of the Career and College Promise (CCP) program. Even while still earning my high school diploma as a home schooled student, ACC provided me an opportunity to earn college credits like Criminal Law, Ethics, and General Psychology toward my associate’s degree. It’s a great feeling to know I’m earning tuition-free college credits, a degree, and my high school diploma—making me more than ready to transfer into a four-year university and pursue my bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. CCP is a great option to get ahead in college while still a high school student.”

2015 Graduation Reminders

Spring graduation at ACC has changed from July to Friday, May 15. Following are important reminders for all students who plan to participate in this spring’s commencement exercises.

Late Applicants Can Still Apply for Graduation.

Although deadline for students to submit a graduation application was March 2, students may still do so with approval from the dean of the department from which they are earning a degree, diploma or certificate. The application for graduation form is in students’ webadvisor accounts in the Academic Planning section. Upon completion the form can be submitted electronically or delivered to the Admissions Office.

Questions? Call 336-506-4124 or speak to your advisor.

2015 Summer Graduates

Students who plan on graduating at the end of the 2015 Summer session—but wish to participate in commencement on May 15—must submit a graduation application by April 10. Eligibility to participate in the May 15 ceremony requires students be registered for all necessary courses to complete their degree/certificate/diploma by the April 10 application deadline. Degrees/certificates/diplomas for summer graduates will not be mailed until successful completion of course requirements. Note: 2015 Summer session graduates who do not wish to participate in the commencement ceremony on May 15 must submit a graduation application by June 1 (as shown in student handbook).

Cap & Gown Ordering and Pickup Information

After completing the Application for Graduation and paying the appropriate fee at ACC’s Cashier’s Office, students should access: https://collegegrad.herffjones.com and follow instructions to order their cap and gown.

Spring graduates must order their cap and gown at that website by April 10. Caps and gowns can be picked up at the ACC bookstore (with payment receipt) during regular bookstore hours, April 13-24. Summer graduates must order their cap and gown by April 10. To pick up cap and gown, take payment receipt to the ACC bookstore during regular bookstore hours, May 11-14.

Questions? Go to “Commencement 2015 FAQ” on the ACC webpage (www.alamancecc.edu) or call 336-506-4124.
ACC Names Workforce Development Instructor of the Year

Jill Baker, a part-time instructor who first taught at ACC in 1986, has been named the 2015 Workforce Development Instructor of the Year by Alamance Community College. She will be honored formally, along with other faculty excellence recipients, at the Celebrating Excellence banquet on May 28 at Alamance Country Club.

Baker teaches Career College, language arts, and math at the Carrington-Scott Campus and several education courses at the Dillingham Center. While she enjoys all her classes, she says her students in Career College continue to inspire and remind her why she became an educator.

“My heart is with Career College students,” she says of her students in that program. “I don’t see disabilities, I see their abilities. I know I’m going to find an extraordinary individual.”

Career College gives students with intellectual or developmental disabilities hands-on job-specific training along with classes that further develop reading, math, computer, and employability skills. These students can earn certificates of completion in Health and Public Services Assistant, Automotive Assistant, and Greenhouse/Nursery Assistant. Baker teaches the basic skills component to these students.

“Jill is creative and enthusiastic,” says Monica Isbell, Coordinator of Special Needs and Counseling. “She makes learning fun for students in Career College. She challenges students to learn beyond preconceived limits or barriers. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the Career College newsletter. Jill is very deserving of this award.”

In addition to Career College, Baker also teaches a teacher assistant course for individuals seeking employment in a public school classroom. She initiated an opportunity for these students to receive practical experience in real classrooms through Alamance-Burlington Schools System (ABSS).

She also developed and teaches a 30-hour “Effective Teaching” program for substitute teachers that is required by ABSS. This in part grew out of her own experience when she realized substitute teachers were not provided the proper tools or skills to take charge of a classroom.

In recent years, Baker worked at Elon University as an Athletic Academic Advisor but returned to ACC to teach in Workforce Development.

“Teaching at ACC has been my most meaningful professional experience,” she says. “Many students in Career College at ACC often are getting social and college immersion with traditional students for the first time. It’s very rewarding to see them give an oral report in class and knock it out of the ballpark. It isn’t just academics they’re getting, it’s self-confidence. When you let them know they have something to offer, it makes all the difference.”

ACC, Goodwill Industries Formalize Job Training Partnership

Alamance Community College and Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina formalized an ongoing partnership at a signing ceremony on March 9 at the Goodwill Industries Community Resource Center on South Church Street in Burlington. Putting names to the agreement were ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood and Debbie Tuggle, Vice President of Career Development Services, Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina.

The Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony officially acknowledges Workforce Development activities between the College and Goodwill Industries aimed at helping more Alamance County residents find gainful employment.

Programs that are to be delivered at Goodwill’s community center include: GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), Human Resources Development, Employability Skills, Pharmacy Technician and Nurse Aide (formerly called Nursing Assistant).

In addition, ACC and Goodwill are exploring other offerings which may include Computer Information Technology, Office Administration, Customer Service and Retailing.

ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood said: “Our College remains committed to providing job training beyond our walls. I’m excited about our continued partnership with Goodwill Industries. Together, we are putting people to work.”

Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina, Inc. has been serving this community for more than 50 years. “Every year we have ambitious plans. It is incumbent upon the Corporate Management Team, in concert with the governing members of our Board of Directors, and business partners such as Alamance Community College, to position our enterprise effectively in response to this current environment for the benefit of all our stakeholders,” says Richard Gorham, President and CEO.
Joe Baker, a non-traditional student at Alamance Community College, is the school’s nominee for the 2015 Dallas Herring Achievement Award.

The award was established by the North Carolina Community College System and honors the late Dr. Dallas Herring, whose philosophy of “taking people where they are and carrying them as far as they can go” is the guiding principle of the community college system.

Joe Baker, a Graham, NC resident, worked in radio for three decades after high school, first as a broadcaster and then in advertising. But he aspired to one day manage entertainment venues—performing art centers, music halls, theater, and a sports complex. When an opportunity to manage the High Point Theatre arose, Baker seemed the perfect candidate due to his marketing skills and passion for theatre. What he didn’t have was the required bachelor’s degree.

“That day I told myself I was going back to school,” said Baker, 49, who knew a degree could launch a new career.


With a 4.0 GPA, he graduates in spring 2015 and plans to transfer to UNC-Greensboro to earn a bachelor’s degree in Business Management.

“I believe that at my age, in order to set myself apart, I should exceed expectations, be at the top of my game, set an example for my son that hard work, multi-tasking and time management would result in being a top-grade student,” says Baker.

Each North Carolina community college may nominate one student or alumnus for the Dallas Herring Achievement Award. From the nominations, a committee of college presidents, community college system staff, and State Board of Community Colleges members will select one state-wide winner. Announcement of the state-wide winner is expected in early March.

Career & College Promise Photographers Win Awards

High school students taking ACC classes via the Career and College Promise (CCP) program were recent winners in a photography contest sponsored by the Burlington Women’s Club. Student winners from Eastern Alamance High School were:

Taylor Connolly—1st place in Digitally-Enhanced Photography for “Choices, Choices…” This entry has advanced to state competition.

Madilynne Wegner—1st place in Color Photography & Best in Show for “Waiting in the Shadows”

Aeryal Cesar—3rd place in Digitally-Enhanced Photography for “The Eyes Have It”

Gabe Turcotte—Honorable Mention in Color Photography for “Peeling Away”

Photography instructor Erik Perel teaches on a part-time basis at Eastern Alamance High School as part of Advertising and Graphic Design’s CCP track.

ACC Named Tree Campus USA for Sixth Straight Year

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Alamance Community College a 2014 Tree Campus USA to honor the campus horticulture program for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. This is the sixth year of recognition for ACC.

ACC achieved the designation by meeting the required five core standards for sustainable campus forestry: A tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects. This includes an Arbor Day tree planting on campus each year. Serving as coordinator is Justin Snyder, Department Head of the Horticulture Technology program.

“We are excited to be selected again as an Arbor Day Foundation Tree Campus,” said Justin Snyder, Horticulture Technology Department Head. “This designation demonstrates the continued priority that ACC places on maintaining the exterior of our campus. Students in our newly added arboriculture course have worked hand in hand with the grounds department to manage the campus tree population and to keep us Tree Campus eligible.”

“We applaud your commitment to the community and to the trees of Alamance Community College and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for us all,” said Mary Sweeney, Program Manager for the Arbor Day Foundation.

Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors colleges and universities for promoting healthy trees and conservation.
2015 Celebration of Excellence: Call for Distinguished Alumni Nominees

If you know of an ACC Alumnus/a whose career success or community service involvement has been shaped by his/her experience as an ACC student, consider nominating them for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Nomination form can be accessed at www.accfoundation.com under “What’s New.”

President’s Roundtable
The latest gathering of community members for the President’s Roundtable occurred March 11 at a working lunch on the main campus. The group reviewed and brainstormed more ideas on how the community and ACC can work together more effectively toward a common goal of providing services.

ACC Improves Several Courses in Four Areas

The College has made adjustments to some curriculum areas, including English, Fire Protection, Nursing and Medical Assisting that will take effect in fall 2015.

ACC will offer classes in English as a Foreign Language (EFL), not to be confused with the English as a Second Language (ESL) program the College has had in place for years. The focus of English as a Foreign Language is to prepare students for academic work and will include two reading and two writing classes.

Fire Protection, a long-time program at ACC, will begin offering a two-year associate’s degree this fall which, for the first time, does not require students to complete the second year at Durham Technical Community College. That requirement has since expired and ACC can now offer both years of the degree which includes online work, making it easier for employed firefighters to study. They need the degree to receive career promotions.

Due to state-mandated changes, ACC’s Certificate in Nursing Assistant will be known as Nurse Aide. Consequently, the College is instituting a new Medication Aide course that replaces Home Health Care Nurse Aide. The new course will qualify graduates to dispense medications at an assisted-living facility, giving graduates additional job opportunities. It also requires fewer credit hours to complete the course.

Likewise, Medical Assisting is replacing an electronic medical records course with one in administrative office procedures, which requires fewer credit hours. This will allow the students to perform the on-hands work in the classroom rather than at the previously required clinical setting.
International Friendship Club–
Upcoming Events
Spend Tuesdays in March, 12:30-1:30 p.m. with ACC’s International Friendship Club as members host informative and interactive events in its support of the United Nations’ goal of eliminating racial discrimination.

WHAT: Voting Rights. Stop by club table in student commons to learn about student involvement during the 1960s fight to win voting rights for African Americans in the South. Take one of the “literacy tests” required in the South before African Americans could register to vote. Fill out a voter registration form from the Alamance County Board of Elections made available through Sigma Psi if you are not already a registered voter. Stay for the 40 minute documentary film, “Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot,” which depicts the overlooked stories of the Selma-to-Montgomery legacy.

WHEN/WHERE: March 24 in A348

WHAT: “Drums Alive! Building Global Bridges” with percussionist Beverly Botsford in a celebration of rhythm from cultures around the globe. Twenty ACC students will participate in this spoken-word and drumming celebration of diversity. Special thanks to SGA for financial support in bringing this guest performer to ACC.

WHEN/WHERE: March 31 in Student Commons

Culinary Serves Meals
Culinary students serve meals in A238 dining room on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Dine-in on china or “to go” boxes available.
- International buffet lunch every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: $8.00
- Thursday lunch from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; dinner from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Cost: $7.00
- Students will post menus around campus each Friday before the next meal.

Workshops for English Language Learners
The Writing Center (Room 353 in Skills Lab) has scheduled sessions for students needing help with English grammar and composition.
“For students who grew up speaking a different language, learning English well enough to get a college degree can be a big undertaking,” says Writing Center Coordinator, Debra Burdick. “English language learners already studying for a degree can get additional help with English through ongoing weekly workshops held in the Writing Center.”

English Language Learners–Weekly Workshops
(Room 353, Writing Center/Skills Lab)
- Tuesdays, 11:10 a.m.-12 noon
- Thursdays, 10:10-11 a.m.
- Fridays, 10:10-11 a.m.
- Fridays, 1:10-2:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS? Stop by the Writing Center or call 336-506-4190.

Learn With Leaders
Nearly a dozen community leaders heard from ACC staff and faculty and toured the Computer-Integrated Machining program on March 12 as part of the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Alamance Learn with Leaders event.

Instructor of Year Nominees Announced
Nominees have been announced for the College’s annual Instructor of the Year honors. One full-time and part-time educator from each division comprise the nominees and, from this list, faculty members will select one Instructor of the Year and one Adjunct Instructor of the Year.
- Business, Arts & Sciences: Bob Davis (Math); Adjunct—Jeannette Blackburn (Accounting)
- Industrial Technologies: Justin Snyder (Horticulture); Adjunct—Don Utberg-Hood (Industrial Systems)
- Health & Public Services: Celeste Mulrooney (Nurse Aide); Adjunct—Portia Wade (Early Childhood)

Student Activities Calendar
TOURNEY TIME! Get in on the excitement of this year’s NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament as SGA challenges you to play Tournament Challenge on ESPN.com. Compete against other students, faculty, and staff. Fill out a bracket (up to 10) and earn points for every correct pick. Best of all, it’s free to play and win. To join our group, visit http://goo.gl/7GVVKB; Group: AlamanceCommunityCollege; Password: acc1958

Good Things to Know
CROSSROADS: SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE & RESOURCE CENTER. Counselor on campus, Room 228, Student Center, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. every Monday.

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.
Having Fun to Promote Literacy
ACC once again hosted the annual Times-News’ Current Events Challenge fundraiser for literacy programs, raising $2,600 for scholarships to help students pay their literacy test fees. Seven Alamance County high school teams competed with Graham High coming away as winner. Also competing were (above) the ABSS Middle College and (below) Western Alamance who won the best costume prize as the Times New Roman font. Questions were based on news stories that appeared in the Times-News. Judges were Executive Vice President Scott Queen, Vice President of Workforce Development Gary Saunders, and Department Head for Social & Behavioral Sciences Sherri Singer.

Top North Carolina Instructor
ACC sociology instructor John Neathery was presented with a plaque at the February meeting of the ACC Board of Trustees to recognize his selection as the top community college instructor in North Carolina. Neathery, with the college since 2003, is the first ACC instructor to receive this highest honor from the state community college system.

Annual Book Sale
The Jean Slaughter Annual Book Sale in February raised $1,349.36 for university transfer scholarships. Since the inception of the book sale, the scholarship has been awarded ten times to help worthy students continue their education.

Reunion
Alumni of ACC’s Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program got together on a recent Sunday in the college’s Powell Building. Speaking to the past graduates, now working in the industry, were Pam Hall, MLT Department Head; and Dr. Mindy Nye, Vice President & Director, Center for Esoteric Testing.