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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT. 16

Resumé Boot Camp, 11:15 a.m., Room 230

SEPT. 17

Resumé Boot Camp, 12:30 p.m., Room 230

First Day of Autumn

SEPT. 23 & 24

Social Media Etiquette Workshop, 12:30 p.m., Room 230

Last Day to Drop with WP (1st 8-week courses)

ACC's Advanced Applied Technology Center Gets Green Light

The Alamance County **Board of Commissioners** voted 5-0 on September 2 to finance the construction of ACC's proposed Advanced Applied Technology Center—a \$15 million facility that would provide state-of-the-art technology and an expansion for Air Conditioning/Heating/ Refrigeration, Automotive Systems Technology, Welding, Computer-Integrated Machining, and Carpentry. Voters in 2012 approved the construction but not how to finance it.



Happy ACC administrators (from left) Kennon Briggs, Interim Vice President, Administrative and Fiscal Services; Dr. Algie Gatewood, ACC President; and Scott Queen, Interim Executive Vice President.

ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood said that space and technology limitations are impacting the quality of instruction and learning for the five industrial programs that will benefit from the new facility. "The Advanced Applied Technology Center represents a significant investment in workforce training and economic development for Alamance County as we prepare our citizens for jobs in a knowledge-based, 21st century global economy."

The new facility had previously been endorsed by the Alamance Area Chamber of Commerce,

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Coming Up Next Week...

Constitution Day: Wednesday, September 17

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Student Center

ACC's History Club is sponsoring ACC's annual Constitution Day celebration to celebrate the 227th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in September 1787, when 39 men changed the course of American history by adopting the basic laws that govern this nation.

ACC's Constitution Day events include:

- Democracy Plaza—a Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) constitutional blog
- first 100 students will receive a pocket U.S. Constitution
- voter registration
- quiz bowls
- trivia contests
- club booths
- and more

BEST BET: Club Challenge-student clubs can earn additional budget \$\$ by competitively decorating booths in a patriotic manner. Decorations should have the Constitution as a focal point. First place wins \$200, second place wins \$100.

STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

SIGMA PSI TO MEET

Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC's psychology/sociology club)

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 15, 12:15 p.m., Room 230, Student Center. Advisors are John Neathery and Ben Shirley.

HISTORY CLUB MEETS

First and third Wednesday of each month, 12:15-12:30 p.m., B204.

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-O3), call 506-4122 or e-mail jonathan.young@alamancecc.edu.

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positioning it as a jobs and economic development initiative. Present for the vote were ACC administrators, business leaders and ACC students.

Said Dr. Gatewood: "I appreciate the support for this project from trustees, faculty, staff, students, retirees, alumni, and the ACC Foundation...This project represents a tremendous opportunity for our students in years to come."

This project is a top priority on the College's longrange capital plan because these "legacy" industrial programs have seen significant increases in enrollment since 2001 due to enhanced job prospects in these programs.

Construction of this new facility would vacate a number of current classrooms and labs that will be converted for other purposes.

Ceremonial Graduation Mace Product of ACC's Carpentry, Machining Students



Posing with the ACC Mace (front) are representative students from the programs that collaborated in its production: (I-r) machining students Andy Bradford, Emily Sanders, Shirad Blackwell, and Dept. Head Adam Self; Carpentry Dept. Head Danny Farrell and carpentry students Jose Ibarra, Angel Santiago, Miguel Cuaraque, Mike Mastry, and Christopher Rivers.

The elongated, walnut mace carried into this summer's GED/AHS graduation and curriculum commencement by faculty marshals was the product of the college's Carpentry and Computer-Integrated Machining programs at the bequest of ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood.

Said Dr. Gatewood: "That symbol of authority dating back to the Middle Ages gave our graduation ceremonies added gravitas. It is nothing short of impressive and reflects the quality of instruction and craftsmanship here at ACC."

Dating to European military and royalty of the Middle Ages, a mace is a ceremonial piece used at many educational institutions and symbolizes "internal authority over members and the independence from external authority." Used at this summer's GED/Adult High School graduation and, one night later, at the curriculum com-



Dr. Algie Gatewood speaks during this summer's commencement with the new ACC Mace at left.

mencement, ACC's mace was carried by the faculty marshal, ceremoniously leading the way for faculty into the graduation venue. The faculty marshal then placed the mace in a specially-made walnut stand on the apron of the stage next to the podium.

Earlier in the summer, Danny Farrell, Carpentry Department Head, and his students researched how a mace should look, brainstormed the design, and manufactured the staff in the carpentry shop. The elongated staff is made of turned walnut with an aluminum tip. Likewise, Computer-Integrated Machining Department Head, Adam Self, and his students manufactured the brushed aluminum carriage that sits atop the staff and holds the Alamance Community College seal.

ACC's Mace will be used for many graduations to come.

ACC student

Dawn Eisenhauer

"I'm submitting my resumé to Alamance County businesses this fall in a much smarter way since I completed classes in human resource development (HRD) at Alamance Community College. I was having trouble getting noticed in the job market after working 10 years as a shipping clerk. I couldn't get my foot in any doors. Then I applied to Work First, a short-term assistance program where HRD classes through Alamance Community College are provided. The training taught me so muchstrategies on how to interview, dressing for success, and writ-



ing an effective cover letter. Anyone back in the job market should take this valuable class. I have since worked at a bank, and had two interviews for a new retailer opening in Burlington. I feel much more confident that these new skills will help me find the job I want."

ACC Announces Organizational Restructure

ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood and administrators unveiled an organizational restructuring on August 11, part of the College's Strategic Plan in an effort to "modify the structure to more closely align the management and administration of the institution with new directions" as identified by the President and the Board of Trustees.

The restructuring was finalized after receiving input from college employees over the past year.

Wrote Dr. Gatewood: "I am thankful to you [faculty and staff] for your commitment to ACC and its mission that led you to share your thoughts...I know the future is bright for the College because of the quality of the staff, faculty, and administrators who work here."

Here is a review of division changes and employee reassignments:

- Scott Queen-Interim Executive Vice President
- Jeff Bright–Associate Vice President, Corporate Education
- Carolyn Rhode–Vice President, Institutional Advancement
- Cathy Johnson–Vice President of Instruction
- Kennon Briggs-Interim Vice President, Administrative & Fiscal Services
- Dr. Terry McNeill–Vice President, Institutional Support
- Dr. Carol Disque–Vice President, Student Success
- Gary Saunders-Vice President, Workforce Development
- Perry Hardison–Coordinator, University Transfer

Distance Learning

Per the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan, the College will allocate additional resources to Distance Learning to support infrastructure, faculty training and administrative and instructional design. The College will soon hire a Distance Learning Director who will be responsible for growing the program under the direction of Cathy Johnson, Vice President of Instruction. The current Distance Learning Coordinator position will report to the Director of Distance Learning.

Research and Institutional Effectiveness

Dr. Jessica Harrell has been reassigned as Director of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, reporting to Dr. Terry McNeill, Vice President of Institutional Support. Lydia Carr has moved from Student Success division to Research and Institutional Effectiveness to work with Dr. Harrell. This transition will occur over a six-month period.

Division Changes

- Arts and Sciences has merged with Business Technologies (division name to be determined).
- Biotechnology (formerly under Arts and Sciences) will move to the Health and Public Services Division.
- Advertising and Graphic Design (formerly under Industrial & Graphics Technologies) will move to the new Business/Arts and Sciences Division.
- Culinary Arts (formerly under Business Technologies) will move to Industrial Technologies.

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WRITING CENTER GRAMMAR WORKSHOP SERIES

Grammar workshops, presented by The Writing Center

- DRE 96 curriculum: Mondays at 9:40 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- DRE 97 curriculum: Wednesdays at 9:40 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- Curriculum-level English language learners: Fridays at 11:10 a.m.

Any enrolled students who feel they can benefit from the additional practice are welcome. Visit the Writing Center page of ACC's Website for more details or to sign up.

UNIVERSITY REPS ON CAMPUS

Admission representatives will meet with students oneon-one in the Advising Center about course planning and seamless transfer. Be sure to bring an unofficial transcript printed from WebAdvisor. No appointment necessary.

NC State University 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 Thursday, Oct. 9 Tuesday, Nov. 11

UNC Greensboro

Tue., Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Tues., Oct. 28**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Guilford College

(outside bookstore) 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Application fee is waived for ACC students.

> Wednesday, Sept. 17 Monday, Oct. 6 Thursday, Oct. 30

CAMPUS RECYCLING

Here's a reminder of ACC's recycling policy: the large blue "trash" cans are for recyclable items ONLY, which include:

- plastic bottles (all types)
- plastic containers
- aluminum cans
- metal cans
- glass (unbroken)
- paper

Cardboard is to be placed in the cardboard recycling dumpsters, NOT in the blue recycling containers.

EMPLOYEES

Meet New Employees

Joy Bunn has joined the College as an instructor in the Early Childhood Education program. An experienced birth-kindergarten teacher since 2007, she most recently worked in that role with Alamance-Burlington Schools. She has also taught Early Childhood at GTCC. Joy attended NC A&T State University, where she earned a B.A. in Liberal Studies and a M.A. in Early Childhood Education and Family Studies.

Dan Quatrone has joined the Computer-Integrated Machining program as a fulltime permanent instructor after teaching in the program since 2008. His work experience includes self-employment as a machinist/fabricator, and as an Automation Designer and Machinist at Machine Technology in Chapel Hill NC. He earned an A.A.S. degree in Computer-Integrated Machining this year from ACC. He also has a certificate in AutoCAD from ACC.

Gene Perry is now the College's full-time Coordinator of Law Enforcement In-Service Training after serving in that capacity on a temporary basis since last January. A member of the Burlington Police Department from 1977 until he joined the college, Perry served as a Patrol Captain and in recent years Information Specialist. He earned associate degrees in Business Administration and Criminal Justice from ACC.

Miasha Torain is a new instructor in Medical Assisting. Since 2009, she worked as Clinic Manager at Central Carolina Kidney Associates in Burlington. Her previous employment includes Certified Medical Assistant with The NC Family Doctor of Chapel Hill; and as an adjunct instructor in ACC's Medical Assisting program. She has a B.S. in Health Education from UNCG, and an Associate in Applied Science degree from ACC.



Officer of the Quarter...

for the second quarter of 2014 was presented to Cindy Kidd, who has served as a campus security officer for the past four years while studying toward her associate's degree at ACC. Now that she has graduated, Kidd has begun a new position with UNC Health Systems. Security Supervisor Ryan Hendricks presented the plaque to Kidd for her service.







Dan Quatrone



Gene Perry



Miasha Torain



Welcome Back!

Students and ACC employees were treated to free pizza and Pelican Snoballs by SGA Executive Board members during the first two days of the fall semester as part of SGA Welcome Back Celebration. Students can still pick up a copy of the 2014-15 Student Activities Calendar in the SGA office, Room 230 in the Student Center.

Reaching Across the Sea for African School Kids

What does an ACC instructor's visit to Africa, a coloring book, and the talents of student graphic designers have in common?

They all played an integral part in helping young children learn to read in the African nation of Malawi.

As a NC A&T State University PhD student, Justin Snyder—ACC's Horticulture Technology Department Head—spent the summer of 2012 in the African nation of Malawi as part of a service learning project. He and others worked with teachers from Domasi Demonstration Primary School to create a garden to supplement its school feeding program.

While there, Snyder met a Malawi teacher named Alinane Misomali, a participant in the Literacy in Mother Tongue (LMT) project which teaches children to read in the language that they speak naturally, as opposed to being forced to learn a different African tongue to which they are not accustomed. Joining creative forces, Snyder agreed to partner in a book project for use in Alinane's classroom to help

teach LMT to young students.

Snyder did not agree carelessly to help the school with the book project. Back at ACC, Snyder had already been working with Denise Archuleta, Advertising and Graphic Design instructor, on a coloring book to promote ACC's sustainability projects. This led Snyder to think that a story written by teacher Alinane Misomali could be illustrated and printed to help the African students read.

In spring 2013, a story written by Malawi teacher Misomali was illustrated by ACC graphic design student Brittany Gaither titled "Vain Hope." The book was produced with the help of Becki Paskins, ACC print services supervisor, and sent to the students at Domasi Demonstration School as part of the ACC FLORA Club's community service project.

As a result of the book's popularity, the Malawi teachers sent to ACC 18 story books—written by the school teachers on whatever kind of paper material they could find—in the hopes of getting them illustrated and printed.



The group that presented ACC-produced school books were (from left) Dr. Elizabeth Barber, retired from N.C. A&T State University; Marsha Dwyer, ACC hydroponics greenhouse manager; Justin Snyder, Horticulture Technology Department Head; David Davenport, Advertising & Graphic Design instructor.



A Malawi student reads to her classmates from one of the ACC-produced books.

Graphic design instructors David Davenport and Denise Archuleta took on this project in fall 2013. ACC design students were tasked with illustrating the stories in the crudely-made booklets. Becki Paskins and Mary Alva in ACC's Print Center printed the coloring books.

Said Archuleta: "Since 'Writing Across the Curriculum' was part of our QEP beginning last year, our Advertising and Graphic Design students are 'Drawing Across the Continents.' This project was a great one for our students and they are proud to have been able to make a difference in the lives of so many children."

The months-long project came to fruition this summer when graphic design instructor David Davenport and Horticulture student Marsha Dwyer accompanied Snyder back to Malawi to distribute the literacy books to the school children. "We handed out the books to the class, then shared about the process of how it came to be," Snyder wrote in a text message while still in Africa. "We partnered

with the teachers to read the books to the class—first by reading the English section of the story and then the author/teachers read what they had written in their native language. After that we had all the students celebrate the fact that they now had a book of their own."

After school was dismissed. Snyder. Dwyer and Davenport witnessed the fruits of their and the ACC graphic design students' labors: "We saw over 400 learners walking around carrying books proudly," wrote Snyder. "A group of girls all huddled around one as she read the book to all her friends. Boys sat to the side of the soccer field and instead of playing soccer they were reading their story, leaning up against the goalpost. The school was surrounded in literacy. It all stems from one teacher sitting down with me to tell a story. That story turned in to Vain Hope and then that turned into us bringing 18 more books back to the three schools in Malawi."

campus EVENTS

Join Adjunct Institute Meeting

Adjunct instructors are encouraged to mark their calendars for 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.

"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.

Win NFL Tickets, Gift Cards to Support Veteran Student Distress Fund

- NFL FOOTBALL TICKET RAFFLE: Win a pair of tickets to an NFL game: Carolina Panthers vs. Seattle Seahawks in Charlotte on Sunday, Oct. 26.
- History Club members are selling raffle tickets: \$2 for two tickets, \$5 for arm's length of tickets.
- First name drawn wins tickets for the NFL game tickets; second name drawn wins \$50 Best Buy gift card; third name drawn wins a \$25 BoneFish Grill gift card.

GOOD TO KNOW: Proceeds go toward ACC Veteran Student Distress Fund.

WHERE TO BUY? Raffle tickets may be purchased from History Club table (outside bookstore) Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m.-12 noon through Fall Break.

Trip to UNCG's "Transfer Tuesday"

ACC is planning a trip for students to UNCG's "Transfer Tuesday" on Tuesday, Oct. 7. The bus leaves campus at 2:30 p.m. and returns by 8:30 p.m.

The trip includes a campus tour, information fair with representatives from each major, tips from Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar and a faculty member. Students receive an application fee waiver at the conclusion of the event—a \$55 cost savings.

The event is free, including transportation. Students must sign up in advance in ACC's Advising Center.

Placement Test Brush-up Classes

Brush-up classes in math and English are FREE for students preparing to take the college placement tests.

- Admission is rolling. Students may study math or English, or a combination of both. To sign up, email <u>Assessment.Center@</u> <u>alamancecc.edu</u> or call 506-4376. Leave your name, phone number, session time and subject(s) needed.
- All classes meet Monday through Thursday.
- The last day to sign up for any Placement Test Prep (BSP 2000) class is Wednesday, one week before the scheduled start date.

Orientation Dates for Fall

Monday, Sept. 15: 1-4 p.m. (Math/English) Monday, Sept. 29: 1-4 p.m. (Math/English)

Student Activities Calendar

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

RESUME WRITING BOOT CAMP. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 11:15 a.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 17, 12:30 p.m.; both classes in Room 230, Student Center. Update, upgrade, or just get started on your career or job resume. Veterans needing transition resumes are invited.

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 <u>carouselalamancecrossing.com</u>, or by calling the box office.

Attention: Faculty and Staff

Open Enrollment in Supplemental Benefits (faculty/staff)
NC 401(k)/457

Tuesday, Sept. 16–Gee 2nd floor conference rooms, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For appointments call Margaret Hendershot, Regional Retirement Education Manager, at 919-435-8030, or email margaret. hendershot@prudential.com

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.