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- WCC hit the ground running this fall. Already this semester we have held a **Back-to-School**

On the Docket

Interview with Tricia de la Motte (successful local business owner who has returned to college) - 11 a.m., Oct. 2
▪ Walnut 101

Talk by **Justin Williams Pope** (WCC grad who has worked in film, publishing, journalism) - 6 p.m., Oct. 17 ▪ Walnut 101

Retirees Luncheon - Noon, Oct. 14 ▪ WLC Atrium

Fall Etiquette Dinner - 5:30 p.m., Oct. 21
▪ WCC Cafeteria (to participate, contact Elvira Johnson at edjohnson@waynecc.edu or 919-739-7005)

Veterans Day Celebration - 1 p.m., Nov. 7 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Winter Fine Arts Festival - 6 p.m., Dec. 5 ▪ Wayne Learning Center Atrium

Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation - 6 p.m., Dec. 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Commencement (for summer and fall curriculum graduates) - 4 p.m., Dec. 18 ▪ Maxwell Center

2020 Board Retreat - January 31 ▪ Walnut Building

Bash, a Foundation Arts and Humanities lecture by acclaimed archeologist **Dr. Jodi Magness**, a **Naturalization Ceremony** in which 57 individuals from 31 countries became U.S. citizens, the annual **9/11 Tribute Stair Climb**, **Constitution Day** activities, a **Safety Fair** with **Storm Spotter Training**, and an **Apprenticeship Launch**.

There are more events to come, including a **Volunteer Fair**, a full schedule of Foundation lectures, Small Business Center seminars, information sessions for curriculum and Workforce Continuing Education Allied Health programs, recruiting visits by universities and local businesses, and voter registration drives.

■ All campus activities have run smoothly even with the plethora of repair and construction projects, thanks to the diligence and conscientiousness of college employees and contractors and good communication throughout.

■ **East Carolina University's College of Engineering and Technology** has received a \$4 million grant from the National Science Foundation that will support low-income students pursuing undergraduate engineering degrees. It will provide scholarships to students who complete their first two years of study at WCC with the intention to transfer to ECU to com-



Smithfield Foods, Inc. is the latest company to partner with WCC to create an apprenticeship program to develop the next generation of skilled professionals.

The program provides hands-on engineering and mechanic training at three Smithfield facilities while the apprentices earn associate degrees. The company will provide tuition, salary, and benefits. Smithfield plans to use WCC's model to create an apprenticeship program at a Nebraska community college.

In a ceremony held Sept. 20 at the college, a dozen apprentices signed forms to accept their positions and were treated to lunch with an assortment of dignitaries and a tour of their future classrooms before hustling off to a class.

Other companies that sponsor apprenticeship programs with WCC include Mount Olive Pickle Company, Inc., Franklin Baking Company, SPX Transformer Solutions, Inc., Team Chevrolet of Goldsboro, Hubert Vester Chevrolet of Wilson, and Linamar Forgings Carolina Inc. Smithfield has the largest apprenticeship cohort at WCC so far.

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■ WCC and **Chamberlain University** have signed an articulation agreement that waives Chamberlain's application fee for WCC graduates and employees who enroll in its online nursing or health professions programs. It also provides for the university to accept up to 77 credit hours from graduates of WCC's Associate Degree

Nursing program who hold registered nurse licensure.

■ WCC's new truck driver training is underway with two van trailers donated by **Southco Distributing**, a live haul trailer and a feed distribution trailer donated by **Goldsboro Milling**, a purchased yard tractor, and a leased road tractor that was retrofitted with a bench seat so additional students can ride along.

EARLY FALL 2019



Nursing Department Chair **Billy Tart** and Medical and Office Administration Department Chair **LaRose Brock** were honored with the college's 16th set of Distinguished Chair awards. They received monetary awards to use for travel and keepsakes for their offices.

The Distinguished Chair awards recognize outstanding full-time curriculum faculty members who have distinguished themselves at the college and in the community. The awards are made possible by an annual gift to the Foundation of Wayne Community College by an anonymous donor.

KUDOS TO ...

- Associate Vice President for Administrative Services **Derek Hunter** for earning a Master of Management and Leadership degree from Western Governors University.
- Regional Apprenticeship Coordinator **Kristie Norton**

and Graphic Design and Print Specialist **Jessica Meadows** for being accepted into the Leadership Wayne County Class of 2019-2020.

- Workforce Continuing Education Services Admission and Records Director **Angela Hudson** and Allied

Health and Public Services Division Dean **Janiel Marak** who are serving as Regents for the Leadership Wayne County program this year.

■ **Dr. Walker** for joining the board of myFutureNC, a statewide organization that is focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between NC leaders in education, business, and government.

■ Biology Instructor **Sondi Hoffman** for the acceptance of her proposal to present a poster at the 2019 Professional Development Conference of the National Association of Biology Teachers set for November in Chicago.

■ Academic Skills Center Director **Chris Denise** for his "A Temporal Splash" oil painting exhibition in the Administrative Galley. He is a 20+-year employee

and a graduate of the college.

■ **WCC employees** for 80 percent participation in the Foundation of WCC's annual campus fund drive. That generosity totalled \$32,855 compared to last year's \$26,316. Seventeen employees chose to give the "Bison's Share" of 1 percent of their annual salary. The campus drive kicks off the community drive.



WCC presented its first Outstanding Clinical Partner Award during the 2019 Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony. The winner was the **OB/GYN/Nursery/Labor and Delivery unit at Wayne UNC Health Care**. Representatives of the unit and the hospital attended to receive the plaque.

The award recognized the unit and its staff for outstanding contribution to the clinical component of the nursing program. Practical Nursing students voted for the unit that they felt had the most positive influence on their educational experience.

