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- Prints of artwork by 26 WCC alumni and current students are on display in the **offices of NC House Majority Leader John Bell, IV** in Raleigh. The pieces will be exhibited through January 2021 then will be replaced with new pieces by WCC artists. The collection can viewed during business hours Monday through Friday. While the General Assembly is out of session, call Rep. Bell's Office at 919-715-3017 before visiting.
- WCC's Quest Academy was featured in **The EvOLL-**

On the Docket

Employee Convocation - Aug. 11 ▪ Online

First Day of Fall Semester - Aug. 17

Ash Building Ribbon Cutting and Open House - Aug. 24, designated times for specific groups (invitations forthcoming)

Field of Honor Flag Display - Sept. 15-Nov. 17 ▪ Campus Front Lawn (order and sponsorship forms at www.goldsboro-rotary.org/fieldofhonor)

Foundation's Scholarship Scholarship Invitational Golf Tournament - 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 18 ▪ Walnut Creek Country Club

Arts and Humanities Fall Lectures - Oct. 5- Nov. 9
▪ Online (details at www.waynecc.edu/foundation/arts-and-humanities)

Lution®, a digital newspaper dedicated to postsecondary education and its future. The piece salutes the academy for the Exemplary Program Award it received recently from the National Council for Continuing Education and Training and includes a video of an interview conducted with WCC personnel. (<https://bit.ly/wcc-nccet-interview>)

■ WCC has published its largest writers' and artists' magazine so far. The 36th edition of **Renaissance** contains 82 pages of prose, poetry, and art by the college's students and employees.

■ For the second time in two years, WCC was honored as a finalist for a **Bellwether Award**. The Quest Academy was recognized in the Workforce Development category.

■ WCC was NC Campus Compact's **"NC Engaged Campus"** for the first week of July.

■ WCC has signed a **memorandum of understanding with National University**. In addition to the articulation agreement, the pact includes eligibility for a scholarship of up to \$5,000 for transfer students and a 15 percent discount for employees and alumni.

■ WCC has been named a **"Military Friendly® School"** for the eighth time.

■ WCC's Office of Communications garnered **National Council for Marketing & Public Relations Paragon Awards** for the fourth con-



SAFE GRADUATION ALTERNATIVES

WCC was determined that although the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible to hold in-person commencement ceremonies, graduates would have the best memories and souvenirs possible.

On May 12 and May 13, the days on which it would have held its curriculum and Adult High School/High School Equivalency graduation ceremonies, the college held **Drive-through Celebrations**. As faculty and staff applauded and cheered, the graduates were given T-shirts and yard signs marking their accomplishments. Hopes were tacked on a July date for a rescheduled ceremony.

Eventually it became evident that there could be no Spring graduation. At a **Turn-the-Tassel** event on July 24, graduates experienced the iconic portions of the ceremony. Accompanied by family, friends, and loved ones, cap-and-gown-clad curriculum and Adult High School/High School Equivalency graduates passed a throng of congratulating faculty and staff, were announced just as they would have been in the formal event, had their photographs snapped being presented diploma jackets by Dr. Walker, and turned their tassels to applause. All was accomplished with appropriate distancing, masks on every face, and hand sanitizer at every turn.



secutive year. An ad placed primarily on Harris Teeter shopping carts obtained a silver in the Print Ad-Single cat-

egory. A storefront design to promote business programs took bronze in the Interior Signage/Display category.

KUDOS TO ...

- Arts and Sciences Dean **Brandon Jenkins** earned his doctorate from East Carolina University. His dissertation was on "The Impact of Performance Funding on the Faculty Experience: Viewing Faculty as Street-Level Bureaucrats or Passive Recipients."
- **Brandy Daingerfield**, the Director of the Academic Skills Center, completed her doctorate at Northcentral University. Her dissertation was titled "Value in Tutoring: A Phenomenological Investigation of Student Perceptions of Tutoring."
- Art Instructor **Angie Waller**, recipient of a 2019 Innovation of the Year recognition from the League for Innovation in the Community College, presented on "The Art of Giving: How to Impact Your Community Through Talent and Service" at the 2020 Innovations Conference in Seattle in March and

was honored at an Excellence Celebration.

- Learning Specialist/Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Coordinator **Julie Marciel-Rozzi** earned her Certified Professional in Learning and Performance ® credential from the Association for Talent Development.
- Career Counselor **Elvira Johnson** was named Three Eagles Rotarian of the Year and nominated for District Rotarian of the Year.
- Communications Instructor **Andrea Freile** was the subject of a World View "Educator Spotlights" profile (<https://worldview.unc.edu/in-the-spotlight/>)
- WCC is well represented on the Arts Council of Wayne County Board of Directors. **Andrea Freile** is its new chair and **Angie Waller** and Foundation Executive Assistant **Diane Belmont** are new members.
- Achievement Coach **Chad Evans** was presented the National Organization for Student Success' 2020 Vashti Muse and Maxine Elmont Award for Outstanding Alumnus of a Student Success Program. He graduated from WCC in 2016.
- English Instructor **Allyson Daly** spoke on "Realistic Hope in a Fact-Based Future" and participated in a panel on global education during the 21st Century Skills for Global Students workshop held online in June.
- Graphic Design and Print Specialist **Jessica Meadows** and Regional Apprenticeship Coordinator **Kristie Norton** graduated from the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce's 2019-2020 Leadership Wayne program.
- Vice President for Academic and Student Services **Patty Pfeiffer** has been appointed to a three-year term on the

American Association of Community Colleges' Commission on Small and Rural Colleges.

- President **Thomas Walker** has been named the co-leader of a new North Carolina Community Colleges System Advisory Council Initiative on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He will work with Dr. Donald Tomas of Southwestern Community College.
- Public Information Officer **Tara Humphries** collected four regional awards (first and second places for speechwriting and first and second for press releases) and two national awards (third for press release and honorable mention for speech) in this year's National Federation of Press Women Annual Communications Contest.
- **Dr. Walker** has been chosen to serve as the chair of the North Carolina Campus Compact executive board.

In the face of the pandemic, the Bison family **stepped up to help** its community. The college donated supplies to local medical offices and hosted a supply drive for Wayne UNC Health Care to which one student donated 100 cloth masks she had made. Even after the college shifted to remote working, faculty and staff

- sewed cloth masks for distribution in the community and made special super hero ones for campus police,
- along with colleagues from Wayne School of Engineering, 3-D printed 2,650 medical mask bands and distributed them to 20 local medical and care facilities, including Wayne UNC Health Care and Wayne Office of Emergency Services, and
- created and delivered more than 900 encouragement and birthday cards to residents of 15 Wayne County long-term care facilities.

