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WCC is ranked 18th out of 820 community colleges nationwide analyzed by SmartAsset for its “**Best Community Colleges in America**” list. Student-to-faculty ratio, graduation and transfer rates, and cost of

tuition and fees were the metrics used in the comparison.



WCC is one of 16 colleges on this year’s “**Most Promising Place to Work in Community Colleges**” list. *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* and the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) partner in the annual project that examines how much institutions seek

out and value diverse faculty, staff, and administrators who are committed to meeting students’ needs and working with them to achieve their goals. The findings were published in the [June 2021 edition of the magazine](#).



GreatBusinessSchools.org has listed as WCC’s accounting program ninth in the nation. Its “**20 Best Online Associate’s in Accounting Degree Programs**” ranking

processs considers affordability and academic quality.



WCC’s Truck Driver Training program is now a third-party test site with the NC Department of Motor Vehicles. The college can administer and score **Commercial Driver’s License skills tests** on site, which saves instructors and students hours that would be required to schedule and travel to take those tests off-site in a neighboring county.

### On the Docket

#### Practical Nursing

**Pinning** - 4 p.m., July 28  
▪ Moffatt Auditorium

#### Dental Assisting

**Pinning** - 5 p.m., July 28  
▪ Dental Lab, Holly Bldg.

#### Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation

- 6 p.m., July 28 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

#### Workforce Continuing Education Allied Health

**Pinning** - 6 p.m., Aug. 11  
▪ Moffatt Auditorium

#### Truck Driver Training

**Graduation** - 6 p.m., Aug. 12 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

#### First Day of Fall Semester

- Aug. 19

#### WCC Night at Center

**Street Jam** - 6-9 p.m.,

Aug. 19 ▪ The HUB in

Downtown Goldsboro

#### Field of Honor Opening

**Ceremony** - 1 p.m., Sept.

9 ▪ Front Campus (closes

Nov. 18)

#### “The Moving Wall” Viet-

nam Wall replica arrival

and welcome ceremony

- afternoon time TBA,

Sept. 15 ▪ South Campus

Field

#### “The Moving Wall” open

to public - Sept. 16-20

#### Wayne County Cham-

ber of Commerce’s

**Business After Hours**

- 5:30-7 p.m., Sept. 16 ▪

Ash Bldg.

#### POW/MIA Week Closing

**Ceremony** - 3 p.m., Sept.

17 ▪ South Campus Field

### KUDOS TO ...



Lead Mathematics Instructor **Katie Mullins Holloman** was interviewed about motivation in virtual classrooms for an Interact Communications blog post “[11 Insider Tips on How to Create Engaging Virtual Classrooms](#).”



**Tracy Schmeltzer**, Business and Computer Technologies Division Dean, has earned her Educational Leadership doctoral degree from Liberty University. Her doctoral project was titled “Improving Success Rates of Dual Enrollment Students at Wayne Community College.”



Public Information Officer **Tara Humphries**’ piece titled “WCC Academic Skills Center Celebrates Its Tutors and Accreditation” was awarded third place in the News or Feature Release category of the National Federation of Press Women’s 2021 Communications Contest.



Software Development Instructor **Jenneth Honeycutt** was presented an Excellence Award by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). The award recognizes extraordinary service to students, colleagues, and community.



**Lashima Glaspie**, Workforce Continuing Education Director of Admissions and Records, completed the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Wayne program. Program alumni **Kristie Jones Sauls**, Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Coordinator, and **Janeil Marak**, Dean of Allied Health and Public Services, are continuing as regents.

## NEWS and NOTEWORTHY

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With the success of its first **Turn the Tassel** event in December, WCC decided to use the same approach to provide Spring graduates with a COVID-19-safe commencement replacement. Despite rain, graduates and their families and friends participated in the May 7 walk-through event that celebrated the accomplishments of close to 500 curriculum graduates, nine Adult High School graduates, and 32 High School Equivalency diploma recipients.



Dr. Pfeiffer, a proud former US Army paratrooper, took the leap of a lifetime in May. Pfeiffer served as WCC Trustee Veda McNair's proxy in a tandem skydive with the **Golden Knights**, the Army's official aerial parachute demonstration team. The jump was one of McNair's prizes as the winner of the State Board of Community College's 2021 I.E. Ready Award. *(US Army photo by SFC James Hackett)*



During a ceremony in June, members of the family of Deacon Jones Auto Group founder Bobby Kenneth "Deacon" Jones unveiled signage denoting the **Deacon Jones Automotive Center in the Ash Building**. The Jones family is the first entity to take advantage of the college's naming opportunities.



WCC's new **Artificial Intelligence and Automation Programming** major was the subject of several news stories, including [a piece by WRAL Reporter Keenan Willard](#). It is the first community college AI program in the state and one of just two such programs in the nation.

The college will be a partner in a **Technology Learning Lab** for middle school students for which Wayne County Public Library just received a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. The middle schoolers will gain technology skills and concepts applicable to STEM-related careers and be introduced to AI. WCC students employed in Work Based Learning programs will provide programming alongside library staff.



The **Foundation of WCC Invitational**, played at Walnut Creek Country Club in June, netted \$165,000 that will be used for tuition scholarships and program and facility enhancements. The funds came from sponsorships combined with a virtual auction, putting contest, and a 50/50 drawing. In addition to a new name, the tournament tried a morning and an afternoon tee time, a format that organizers believe they will keep.



Trustees Donnie Barnes, Veda McNair, and Dr. David Tayloe joyfully took their **oath of office** with former President Thomas Walker and Interim President Patty Pfeiffer as witnesses last week. They were reappointed by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, Wayne County Board of Education, and Gov. Roy Cooper, respectively.