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CONNECTING TO OUR COMMUNITY



Launch **GOLDSBORO** celebrated its first cohort of entrepreneurs, one of which won the culminating pitch competition and received \$5,000. The completers were (l-r) Sabrina Shivar - Grit and Grace Coaching, Terri Bradley - Speckled Fawns, Paige Ford - Ford Event Center and Planning, Sarah Steele Roar - Steele Roar, Wayne Boswell - Joy Filled Foods (the winner), and April Hall - Fabulique's Beauty Studio. The Wayne Business and Industry Center and its Small Business Center are major contributors to the program.



A ceremony was held in June for the first inmates to earn their high school equivalency **diplomas while incarcerated** at the Winders Detention Center Annex. Three of the four graduates – one had already been released - were presented certificates of achievement signed by Sheriff Larry Pierce and college goodies. The men spoke about their pride in what they had accomplished and their plans to build on their diplomas. Another set of inmates has replaced the graduates, working a few hours each week with WCC Transitional Programs for College and Career Instructor Eddie Yelverton to prepare for their HiSET exams.



WCC was a stop on **Blue Cross NC's Extra Miles Tour** across North Carolina. Members of Blue Cross NC and EdNC leadership heard from representatives of medical providers and the college about ways they are responding to Wayne County's health care issues and collaborative efforts between institutions.



COLLEGE KUDOS

■ The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges has found that Wayne Community College remains in compliance with its accreditation standards. SACSCOC notified the college that its **Fifth-Year Interim Report** has been accepted. The report is required as part of the accrediting agency's reaffirmation cycle.



■ WCC's Emergency Management program has been called one of the best in the nation by STEPS (Student Training and Education in Public Service). The program is number two among two-year schools in the

"**Best Emergency Management Online Degree Programs** for 2022" ranking.

■ WCC was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the American Association of Community Colleges, Dell Technologies, and Intel as part of the **Artificial Intelligence Incubator Network Initiative**. The funds will go toward building an AI incubator on a virtual platform that will provide greater access to AI computing power, tools, and resources to foster the skills needed for future jobs. WCC is one of 15 community colleges across the country that were selected and the only recipient in North Carolina.

■ WCC is a member of two of 13 groups selected to participate in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Carolina Across 100 initiative. It will take part in **Our State, Our**



■ WCC was selected to host a session of this year's NC Forestry Association **Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience** on June 28. The workshop brought 14 kindergarten-through-high-school STEM educators to the campus. They spent the morning learning about WCC's Forest Management Technology program from instructors Lynn Jenkins and Courtney Deviney and interacting with students who were working on a timber cruising project.

Work, a two-year collaborative learning model coordinated by the ncIMPACT Initiative. WCC is a part of teams led by Wayne County Public Library's and Eastern Carolina Workforce Development

Board's projects. The teams will receive resources aimed at connecting "Opportunity Youth" - 16-24-year-olds who are not in school or working - to education and pathways to jobs that pay a living wage.

PROUD of OUR PEOPLE

■ Academic Skills Center Director **Brandy Daingerfield** presented a session titled “Tutor Training, High Dosage Tutoring, and Tutor Certification” at the Association of Test Preparation, Admissions, and Private Tutoring Conference on July 22.

■ The WCC Association of Educational Office Professionals unit named President **Patty Pfeiffer** its Administrator of the Year and Cooperative High School Programs Specialist **Lisa Rich** its Education Office Professional of the Year. They will be WCC’s nominees for the same awards at the district level.



■ Trustee **Veda McNair** was officially presented the 2021 I.E. Ready Award, the highest honor bestowed by the N.C. State Board of Community Colleges, during a May event at the Governor’s Mansion.

■ History Instructor **Dean Lawson** was recognized with an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development and the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty designation by the American Association of Community Colleges.

■ Communications Instructor **Andrea Freile** has been selected for the second cohort of the LatinxEd Fellowship, a six-month immersive learning opportunity for Latinx educational leaders who have a shared vision and desire to co-create a more inclusive and equitable education system in North Carolina.

■ Four WCC instructors are finalists in the 2022 Best of the Boot “Best Professor, WCC” category: **Julie Faucette** - Academ-



■ Animal Science Instructor **Jennifer Johnson** and Public Services Department Chair **Jodi Baker** (center left and right) graduated from the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce’s 2021-2022 Leadership Wayne class. Both will serve on the program’s Board of Regents. Allied Health and Public Services Dean **Janiel Marak** (far left) completed her term as a regent and Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Coordinator **Kristie Sauls** is the new chair of the regents board.

ic Foundations, **Andrea Freile** - Communications, **Jennifer Tyndall** - Business Applications, and **Haleigh Wilhide** - Medical and Office Administration. The college’s **Child Care Center** is a finalist in the “Best Day Care” category. **Casey Mazingo**, the college’s digital media technician and owner of Mazingo Media, is a finalist in the “Best Photographer” category. The winners of the vote-determined competition, which is sponsored by the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and New Old North, will be announced at the end of August.

■ Art Instructor **Angie Waller** has been appointed to a six-year stint on the North Carolina Museum of Art Board of Trustees by Gov. Roy Cooper. The board develops policy and establishes

standards of operation for the museum.

■ Senior Executive Assistant to the President **Amber Tyler** has taken her oath as a Guardian ad Litem, an advocate in court for abused and neglected children in Greene, Lenoir, and Wayne counties.

■ Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Coordinator **Kristie Sauls** and **Chris Hendricks**, a youth apprentice with Bridgestone Tires, were interviewed for a CBS 17 “My Carolina” segment. [Watch the piece online.](#)

■ College Transfer Advising Center Director **Peyton Overbee** has graduated from the North Carolina Community College System’s 2021-2022 Advising Leadership Academy.

■ Trustees **Geoff Hulse** and **Debbie Harris** have been reappointed to the board



The **30th Annual Foundation of Wayne Community College Invitational** netted \$205,500 for tuition scholarships and program and facility enhancements for the college. The event also marked Jackson and Sons Heating and Air Conditioning’s 15th year as tournament sponsor.

Wooten Oil Company founded the event in 1993. Dillon Wooten and his business, Wooten Development Company, continue to contribute to it.

Celebrating are Foundation Executive Director **Adrienne Northington**, **David Jackson** of Jackson and Sons, Invitational Chair **Joe Garner**, and President **Patty Pfeiffer**.

by Gov. Roy Cooper and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, respectively.

ON THE DOCKET

Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony - 4 p.m., July 27 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Dental Assisting Walk-Through Pinning Event - 5 p.m., July 27 ▪ Dental Clinic, Holly Building

Signing Ceremony with NC Wesleyan University - 10 a.m., Aug. 8 ▪ WLC Atrium

Workforce Continuing Education Allied Health Pinning - 11 a.m., Aug. 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Truck Driver Training Graduation - 6 p.m., Aug. 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

WCC at Center Street Jam - 6-9 p.m., Aug. 11 ▪ The Hub, Downtown Goldsboro

Convocation - 8:30 a.m., Aug. 15 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Fall Classes Begin - Aug. 18

Field of Honor Opening Ceremony - 1 p.m., Sept. 15 ▪ Front Lawn

Presidential Inauguration Ceremony - 3 p.m., Oct. 6 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Senior Night - 6-8 p.m., Oct. 18 ▪ WLC Atrium

First Responders Memorial - 10 a.m., Oct. 28 ▪ Location TBA

Military Open House - 6-8 p.m., Oct. 28 ▪ WLC

Field of Honor Closing Ceremony - 1 p.m., Nov. 17 ▪ Front Lawn

Truck Driver Training Graduation - 6 p.m., Dec. 15 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Curriculum Graduation - Time TBA, Dec. 16 ▪ Maxwell Center



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Bison Community Concert Band. Get the details [here](#).