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North Carolina Community College System

The North Carolina Community College System is composed of 58 community colleges and is the third largest community college system in the nation. The System Office is the lead agency in North Carolina for delivering adult education programs, workforce development training and adult literacy training.

N.C. community colleges offer postsecondary programs that lead to associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. As the state's primary provider of postsecondary education at the associate degree level, community colleges enable students to proceed to work or to continue to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Workforce development training includes the Customized Training Program, Small Business Center Network, Career Readiness Certification and other programs tailored to ensuring a skilled workforce exists in North Carolina. Adult literacy education, (including basic skills, English as a Second Language, compensatory education and adult high school diplomas) is available statewide for N.C. citizens.

All 100 counties have access to one or more of the 58 community colleges. Campuses are located within 30 miles of virtually all North Carolinians. More than 833, 000 adults take one or more courses at a North Carolina community college through traditional delivery methods and distance learning.

NC Community Colleges closely collaborate with N.C. public schools to provide flexible, seamless, student-centered educational opportunities for all North Carolina high school students through a variety of programs. They include College Tech Prep, concurrent enrollment, Huskins Bill, Early College, Learn and Earn, Learn and Earn Online, and services to intellectually gifted and mature students.

NC Community Colleges offer a wide range of technical, vocational and academic programs leading to associate degrees, diplomas and certificates, with nearly 311,000 individuals enrolled in curriculum programs in 2009-10. Program offerings vary from college to college, depending on the needs of the surrounding community. Most of the more than 2,045 programs offered within the community college system are designed to prepare individuals for entry-level technical positions in business and industry with an Associate of Applied Science degree. College-transfer programs are available at every North Carolina community college. Depending upon the college, students may pursue Associate in Arts, Associate in Science or Associate in Fine Arts degrees.

In addition, the system has a Comprehensive Articulation Agreement with The University of North Carolina General Administration designed to make

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a seamless transfer process between institutions. Many community colleges have specific articulation transfer agreements with individual public and private colleges and universities.

All of the institutions of North Carolina's community colleges offer occupational continuing education classes. These programs are a primary tool for providing skill development opportunities for North Carolina's workforce. Short-term skills courses are offered across the state to train, retrain and upgrade individuals for current or future positions. Enrollments in continuing education reached 560,434 in 2009-10. A growing program offered through Continuing Education is the Career Readiness Certification program. More than 32,000 N.C. citizens have obtained this workforce credential since the establishment of the program in 2006.

The colleges also offer programs to attract and train a skilled and motivated workforce. These courses are tailored to the particular needs of individual companies. The Customized Training Program offers programs and training services as new options for assisting business and industry to remain productive, profitable and located within the state. The system also operates a Small Business Center Network (SBCN) with a Small Business Center (SBC) at each of the 58 colleges. The SBCs offer a variety of free and low-cost services and classes to entrepreneurs and small business owners. BioNetwork is the system-wide seven-center resource for all 58 colleges to assist in meeting the specialized workforce development needs of the growing biomanufacturing, pharmaceutical and life sciences industries in North Carolina.

Support of economic growth and prosperity through education is the underlying concept that has guided the development of the community college system for nearly 50 years. The system's mission is defined in the N.C. General Statutes (115D):

The major purpose of each and every institution operating under the provisions of this Chapter shall be and shall continue to be the offering of vocational and technical education and training, and of basic, high school level, academic education needed in order to profit from vocational and technical education, for students who are high school graduates or who are beyond the compulsory age limit of the public school system and who have left the public schools.

From 1963-79, the community college system was under the purview of the N.C. Board of Education. In 1979, the General Assembly created the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC), which assumed full responsibility in 1981.

The SBCC's primary function is to adopt and execute policies, regulations and standards it deems necessary for the establishment, administration and operation of community colleges. The State Board of Community Colleges has 21 members: 10 members are appointees of the Governor, four are appointees of the N.C. House and four are appointees of the N.C. Senate. The Lieutenant Governor and the State Treasurer are voting ex-officio members of the board. The president of the N.C. Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association serves as a non-voting ex-officio member.

The president of the N.C. Community College System and System Office staff provide state-level administration, direction and leadership under the jurisdiction of the SBCC. Working with the State Board, the system staff distributes state funds and provides fiscal accountability, approves educational programs and carries out the policies and procedures established by the State Board and the General Assembly. The System Office also provides on a limited basis statewide services for the benefit of the community colleges and the public.

Each community college is governed by a local board of trustees and managed by a president. Local boards are comprised of citizens appointed from the college service areas. The Governor, county commissions and local boards of education appoint members. Each local board also has a student member as a non-voting, ex-officio member — usually the president of the college's student government association.

Community colleges serve a broad spectrum of people whose needs, skills and interests vary. Each college provides a unique mixture of educational and training programs specifically geared to the local economy. For more information about NC Community Colleges, call the System Office at (919) 807-7100 or visit the system's website at www.nccommunitycolleges.edu.

Scott Ralls, Ph.D.
President, North Carolina Community College System



Early Years

Born in Charlotte, N.C., on May 2, 1964.

Educational Background

T.C. Robertson High School, Skyland, N.C.; B.S. (Phi Beta Kappa), Industrial Relations and Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill, 1986; M.A., Industrial/Organizational Psychology, 1990; Ph.D., Industrial & Organization Psychology, University of Maryland, 1997; Cooperative Japanese Business and Society Program, post-graduate study program in Toyko, Japan sponsored by the Council of International Education Exchange, 1986.

Professional Background

President, North Carolina Community College System, 2008-Present; President, Craven Community College, New Bern, N.C., August 2002 - April 2008; North Carolina Community College System — Vice President, Economic and Workforce Development, October 1999 - August 2002 and Director of Economic Development, January 1997 - October 1999.

Boards and Commissions

N.C. Career Ready Commission; College Board Community College Advisory Panel; Community in Schools of North Carolina; Community College Research Center; Duke Energy Community College Grant Program Advisory Committee; Governor's Workforce Preparedness Commission; MCNC, National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges; N.C. Agency for Public Telecommunications Board; N.C. Biotechnology Center Board; N.C. Board of Science and Technology; N.C. Economic Development Board; N.C. Education Cabinet; N.C. Global TransPark Board; N.C. New Schools Project Board; N.C. Partnership for Children Board; N.C. Public School Forum Board; NC State University Emerging Issues Forum Board; North Carolina Symphony Board; UNC Center for Public Television Board.

Honors and Awards

Impact Business Leader, Charlotte Business Leader Magazine, 2007-2008; Honorary Fellow, Warwickshire College, Learnington, England, 2007; Freedom Fund Award, Craven County NAACP, 2006; U.S. Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Robert Reich, 1994; Elected Emeritus Member, National Association of Industry-Specific Training Directors.

Personal Information

Married Lisa Gayle Rowe from Asheville. Two children.

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Dr. Molly Parkhill	Blue Ridge Community College
Dr. Stephen Greiner	Brunswick Community College
Dr. Kenneth A. Boham	Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute
Dr. Eric B. McKeithan	Cape Fear Community College
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Dr. Cleve H. Cox	Pamlico Community College
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Dr. Ralph Soney	Roanoke-Chowan Community College
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Dr. John R. Dempsey	Sandhills Community College
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Dr. Stephen C. Scott	Wake Technical Community College
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Dr. Jim W. Burnett	Western Piedmont Community College
Dr. Gordon G. Burns, Jr.	Wilkes Community College
Dr. C.H. "Rusty" Stephens	Wilson Community College

Alamance Community College **Graham, N.C.**

Alamance Community College began its commitment to students as an industrial education center in 1958. But over the next two decades, the school gained authority to offer associate degrees and specialized courses in advanced technology programs. The campus assumed new names each decade to reflect its emphasis in changing times. It became Alamance Community College (ACC) in 1988.

Committed to serving the best interests of students, physical growth took great leaps over the ensuing years: a shop building; wings containing multimedia classrooms and science labs; and a 46,000 square-foot Burlington Center to house a growing roster of continuing education courses, small business center, and cosmetology program.

The 50,000-square-foot Gee Building opened in 2005 with an expanded library, Student Development offices, and the Scott Family Collection that archives the history of one of North Carolina's most important dynasties in politics, medicine, and agriculture. An Academic Advising Center, Student Activities Center, and larger bookstore opened in response to student needs.

A voter-approved bond referendum paved the way for a 35,000 square-foot Biotechnology/Allied Health Powell Building that provides training in such disciplines as Nursing, Medical Assisting, and Nursing Assistant. Biotechnology, a stalwart at ACC since 1985, stands today foremost among the state's centers for this science.

The College upgraded the dental clinic, added a second kitchen for culinary, and opened its new Literacy Building on the main campus in 2010 to accommodate an increasing number of older adult learners.

Today's Alamance Community College offers educational opportunities to a 5,000-plus student body in more than 30 diverse curricula, plus university transfer courses. Today's cutting-edge programs clearly reflect the newest career and job opportunities for students in Alamance County, the state and the nation.

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College **Asheville, N.C.**

For more than five decades, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) has educated citizens for jobs in Western North Carolina. In 1988, A-B Tech expanded its mission to add college transfer programs. Originally funded by a bond election, the mountain college was initially administered by the Asheville City Board of Education, with control passing to a local board of trustees in 1963.

A-B Tech first offered pre-employment training in machine shop, practical nursing education and electronics along with job-related short courses. The first Associate in

Applied Science degree was awarded in August 1964. In early years, A-B Tech served the vocational/technical education needs of 15 Western North Carolina counties. Four units were established in outlying areas and administered by A-B Tech. These units gradually established independent status and became institutions in the N.C. Community College System.

Located in Asheville, A-B Tech serves Buncombe and Madison counties, with a combined population exceeding 255,000. Outdoor lovers enjoy the diversity offered by mountain living. Skiing is a popular sport and fishing, hiking, mountain biking dominate the outdoor scene in summer. Visitors attracted by the scenic mountain splendor make the travel and tourism industry the second-largest employer in Buncombe County. Asheville, which is also top-rated as a premier retirement community, serves as a regional health center and a retail shopping area.

A-B Tech enrolls nearly 27,000 curriculum and continuing education students, and an estimated one in four Buncombe and Madison residents has attended a class at the college.

A-B Tech's Asheville campus is located on approximately 144 acres and occupies 21 buildings. A site in Madison County opened in 1990, and the college's third site, in Enka, was added in 2000 when textile maker BASF Corp. donated nearly 37 acres and three buildings.

Beaufort County Community College Washington, N.C.

Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) is located in a scenic rural county steeped in maritime history, recreational boating, and agriculture. Beaufort County has a population of 47,000 and neighbors Pitt County – the home of East Carolina University and a population of 168,000. The College is located five miles east of Washington, NC, a city of nearly 10,000 people.

The College serves nearly 2,000 students, with the majority coming from Beaufort County and the rest primarily from the service area of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties. Students consistently give high ratings to this College's high quality of education, its welcoming and helpful atmosphere, as well as its attractive and well-maintained campus.

BCCC offers a broad based curriculum in well-equipped classrooms and a significant number of online classes. BCCC is organized into five divisions; Industrial Technology, Arts and Sciences, Business, Allied Health and Continuing Education. There is also an Early College High School located on the BCCC campus. BCCC enjoys strong ties to East Carolina University and works collaboratively through programs like the Wachovia East Partnership (for teachers) and RIBN (Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses).

The campus features eleven buildings for classes and a twelfth is under construction. The newest building, scheduled for completion in 2012, will house the Allied Health program – to meet the growing demand for health-care workers. With grant support from the Golden Leaf Foundation, state-of-the-art simulators will become part of the Allied Health training program and allow nursing students to hone their bed-side skills before they even enter the hospital for their clinical training.

BCCC attracts broad based support from its community. The BCCC Foundation has assets of more than \$1 million and maintains 45 endowed scholarships. The Foundation sponsors an annual golf tournament and cutthroat croquet tournament as fundraisers for the College.

Bladen Community College ***Dublin, N.C.***

Bladen Community College was established as Bladen Technical Institute in 1967. The school was initially located in a composite of rented buildings in Elizabethtown. The old Johnson Cotton Company property on Highway 701 was secured and became the location for administrative offices as well as for educational course offerings. Space for a welding shop and student service area was provided by leasing the Marks Tractor building next to the Johnson Cotton Company building. Business, secretarial and nursing programs were housed in the old Elizabethtown Baptist Church.

The college began operation on a full-scale basis in September, 1968. Curriculum programs were offered in cosmetology, executive secretarial science, business administration, industrial engineering and agricultural engineering technologies, industrial maintenance, automotive mechanics and nursing assistant. Extension and other part-time adult programs were started during the evenings to complement day programs.

The first phase of construction for a permanent campus near Dublin began in the spring of 1970. The college moved to its permanent 25-acre campus in July, 1971. Two buildings totaling 27,000 square feet were included in the initial building phase and housed administrative offices, classrooms, laboratories, shops, a student lounge and library. A small shop was built as an MDTA welding class project in 1972. Nine acres were added to the campus that same year and an additional 11 acres in 1973. A combination shop/classroom building containing 10,500 square feet was completed in the summer of 1973 and was occupied at the beginning of the 1973 fall quarter.

The name of the institution was changed to Bladen Technical College in October 1978 and to Bladen Community College in October 1987.

The main campus's two oldest buildings were renovated and the Health Education Building was completed in the summer of 1997. An Industrial Training Center was completed in late 2005 and occupied in January 2006.

Blue Ridge Community College

Flat Rock, N.C.

In 1963, The N.C. General Assembly authorized a system of comprehensive community colleges and technical institutes to be established in areas of the state where a definite need for such an institution was shown. On the basis of this need and through the combined efforts of interested citizens of Henderson County, the college was established as Henderson County Technical Institute in May of 1969. At that time, the citizens of Henderson County approved a bond issue and a special tax levy which provided funds for the construction, operation and maintenance of a physical plant for the school.

The college's local board of trustees took the oath of office on September 9, 1969. The institution began operation on December 1, 1969, with the first course offered on January 8, 1970. The first full-time curriculum classes began on September 14, 1970. On October 12, 1970, the board of trustees voted to change the college's name to Blue Ridge Technical Institute. On July 9, 1979, they voted to change the name of Blue Ridge Technical College and, on September 14, 1987, they approved the name of Blue Ridge Community College.

The college occupies facilities on a 109-acre campus located on College Drive, which connects Airport and Allen Road, two and a half miles southeast of Hendersonville in Henderson County. An 11-building complex provides more than 213,444 square feet of floor space divided into shop and laboratory space, classrooms, library, learning center, office and reception space and student lounge areas. The college's new Allied Health/Human Services Building opened in 1997. The Transylvania Center houses curriculum and continuing education classes. Renovations to this facility were completed in 1988 and the Transylvania Center moved to Brevard in 1997.

Brunswick Community College

Supply, N.C.

Brunswick Community College (BCC) may be the youngest of North Carolina's community colleges, but it is also one of the fastest growing in the state. Since its founding in 1979, BCC has fostered a deep connection to students with sincere dedication to student-centeredness, student leadership, character development and the promotion of an intercultural community that helps shape the way students think about themselves.

BCC's main campus is centrally located in Supply with centers in Leland and Southport. An additional center is planned for the southern end of Brunswick County, in Calabash. BCC is also adding several new buildings on its main campus.

A new center has been added to the Odell Williamson Auditorium which already accommodates an audience of 1,500 people for concerts, dramatic performances, and community events. The events center will provide the College and community with a venue for smaller performances and events. In the fall of 2008, BCC students studying Horticulture, Turfgrass Management, and Surveying Technology will begin utilizing the new Applied Plant Science Building. Construction of a 55,000 square foot Athletic and Aquatics Center is well underway. The facility, which includes a gymnasium, fitness center, and two indoor pools, is expected to open in early 2009. Groundbreaking for the Early Childhood Education Center was held in the spring of 2008. The facility features classrooms and a lab school which will provide five-star child care to the community.

BCC's curriculum has also experienced growth with the addition of new degree programs in Biotechnology, Accounting, and Surveying Technology. These Complement our fast growing programs in Nursing and Allied Health, Early Childhood Education, Basic Law Enforcement Training and University Transfer. BCC also offers enhanced learning opportunities through our Early College High School program and our agreements with several universities to complete a four year degree, as well as an expanded course selection in Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute

Lenoir, N.C.

Caldwell Technical Institute was established April 2, 1964, and permanent Caldwell Technical Institute was established April 2, 1964, and permanent facilities were occupied in September, 1967. In 1970 the N.C. General Assembly authorized Caldwell Technical Institute to offer college transfer courses and the institution's name became Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCC & TI).

Located in the foothills of western North Carolina, CCC&TI's Caldwell Campus rests on a 98-acre tract of land in Hudson. Accessible to the population centers of Lenoir, Granite Falls and Hickory, the Caldwell Campus is located on Highway 321. Additional CCC&TI properties in Caldwell County include the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, the Transportation, Automotive and Public Service Center, and the Broyhill House. Also located on the CCC&TI campus in Hudson are partnerships such as the Appalachian State University Center, Caldwell County Early College High Schools and Caldwell Career Center Middle College.

In 1973 CCC&TI established a Watauga Division in Boone, operating for years at numerous locations throughout the county. In 1988 the General Assembly authorized \$100,000 for the design of the college's first permanent facility in Watauga County. Later that same year, Watauga County Commissioners purchased a 39-acre site west

of Boone on the 105/421 Bypass which became the the institution's Watauga Campus in 1998.

The college's service area includes over 100,000 people in Caldwell and Watauga counties. A variety of industries form the basis of the local economy: hosiery, paper, metals manufacturing and tourism. Since its establishment Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has enjoyed constant community support and encouragement. The institution has grown to include over 75 college transfer and technical programs in addition to hundreds of adult basic education, corporate and continuing education courses.

Cape Fear Community College **Wilmington, N.C.**

With more than 27,000 students enrolling in classes every year, Cape Fear Community College is the fifth largest community college in the state and is a major economic development partner in southeastern North Carolina. CFCC is dedicated to providing world-class workforce training for the citizens of New Hanover and Pender counties.

Students can get hands-on job training in one of CFCC's technical programs or earn a two-year college transfer degree to continue their education at a four-year institution. For students seeking a new career, CFCC has more than 60 technical degree programs in a wide range of areas which offer hands-on training guided by a team of experienced instructors. One of CFCC's most unique programs is marine technology - a program that prepares students to work in marine fields that support industries that relate to tourism, commercial fishing, shipping, offshore energy exploration and the marine environment.

CFCC also offers hundreds of continuing education courses each year. Free programs include basic skills, adult literacy, GED preparation, job skills preparation, adult high school and English as a second language. In the College's Center for Business, Industry and Government, low-cost classes are offered for professional development in a wide variety of areas. CFCC also develops customized courses specialized for individual businesses upon request. CFCC's Small Business Center offers scores of free seminars for entrepreneurs and small businesses as well as free business counseling services.

CFCC's Wilmington Campus is located in historic downtown Wilmington and a North Campus in Castle Hayne. The College also offers classes in Burgaw and Surf City. CFCC also offers a large number of online classes through an expanding distance education program.

CFCC was founded in 1958 and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Carteret Community College **Morehead City, N.C.**

Since 1963, Carteret Community College has been helping students prepare for a changing workforce. Located in Morehead City along Bogue Sound, the college today serves more than 7,000 curriculum and continuing education students.

Carteret Community College offers a full range of associate degree, diplomas and certificate programs in various vocational and technical areas. It also offers Associate in Arts, Associate in Fine Arts and Associate in Science degrees as part of the university transfer program.

The college continues to adjust its programming to keep pace with changes in the area's job market and advances in technology. In addition to the latest programs in Health Science, Marine Trades and Business Technologies, the college still offers traditional vocational/technical-type programs like Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Welding and Construction Trades.

Recently added curriculum programs include: Boat Manufacturing and Service, Culinary Technology, Therapeutic Massage, Hotel and Restaurant Management, Medical Office Administration, Sonography, and Web Technologies.

Co-located on the Carteret campus is the four-story Center for Marine Sciences and Technology (CMAST), which is a facility operated as a partnership between North Carolina State University, North Carolina Sea Grant and Carteret Community College. CMAST enabled the college to expand its Associate in Science program using state-of-the-art laboratory and computer facilities.

The passage of the 2000 higher education bond referendums allowed the college to construct the North Carolina Marine Training and Education Center (NCMARTEC), which offers training opportunities in Boat Manufacturing and Service, Marine Propulsion Systems, and Marine Trades. The bond also allowed for the construction of the new Wayne West building and includes classroom space, computer labs, expanded training space and labs for health sciences, a chemistry lab, and areas for Basic Skills programs. As a part of the bond renovation funds, the college expanded its Aquaculture Technology program and updated its Joslyn Hall auditorium that serves as a community center for performing arts and lecture hall.

Catawba Valley Community College **Hickory, N.C.**

Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) opened its doors in 1960 as one of the original North Carolina Industrial Education Centers. In 1988, the college was

made a comprehensive community college, offering academic programs that transfer to four-year colleges and universities in addition to the occupational/technical programs which, by this date, ranged from automation/robotics to allied health curricula to special-interest continuing education courses.

The college serves Catawba and Alexander counties. The Main Campus is located on U.S. Highway 70 in Hickory in Catawba County. It covers approximately 162 acres and includes 16 buildings which encompass approximately 600,000 square feet of floor space.

A Workforce Development Center at the East Campus one half mile east of the main campus delivers primarily non-credit offerings to individuals, business and industry. This includes Adult Basic Skills. Appalachian State University also operates a Hickory Center within this facility.

A Business & Industry Training Complex located between the Main and East Campus provides a number of customized training to new, existing and expanding industry.

The college operates a Cosmetology Center at the CVCC Newton Center.

The Alexander Center for Education, an off-campus center, is located in Taylorsville in Alexander County. The 15,000-square-foot building was purchased by Alexander County in 2000, renovated and reopened in 2003.

In fall of 2011, the college will put into operation its 27,000-square-foot Regional Simulated Hospital. The largest of its kind east of the Mississippi, the mock hospital environment is designed for clinical training of allied health students using high-fidelity robotic simulators.

CVCC's Manufacturing Solutions Center helps U.S. manufacturers increase sales, improve quality and improve efficiency to create or retain jobs.

In fall of 2009, CVCC enrolled 5,535 students in more than 65 different curriculum programs of study, and more than 13,500 students in continuing education classes.

Central Carolina Community College ***Sanford, N.C.***

Central Carolina Community College is an educational leader in the state and nation, providing an array of associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs. In 2010, Washington Monthly magazine ranked it among the nation's Top 50 community colleges.

Since 1961, its ongoing vision of educational leadership, community service, and student success has been transformed into reality by planning, commitment, hard work, and community support. In 2010, the U.S. Department of Energy recognized the college as "a strong force for educational opportunities, economic progress and

cultural enrichment in the communities it serves.”

The college serves Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties at three campuses and multiple centers, while its distance education programs reach out to students around the world.

In 1965, it was the first N.C. community college to offer a veterinary technician program. In 2002, it became the first community college in the nation to offer a degree in sustainable agriculture, and, in 2008, the first to offer a biofuels degree. Its laser-photonics program is one of only a dozen nationwide training on high-power lasers.

The college is home to Lee Early College, where students earn both a high school diploma and an associate degree. In partnership with N.C. State University’s Confucius Institute, the college was the first community college in the nation to establish a Confucius Classroom. Students prepare for the global workplace by learning Chinese and Chinese groups perform at the college.

The college is nicknamed “Green Central” for its commitment to sustainability. In 2010, it opened two classroom/lab buildings and a joint college-Chatham County library, all built to high LEED standards.

Central Carolina Community College is integral to the economic health of its communities, providing services through its Small Business Center, Industrial Relations Office, North Carolina School of Telecommunications, Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center, and Emergency Services Training Center.

Central Piedmont Community College ***Charlotte, N.C.***

Central Piedmont Community College has provided educational opportunities since 1963. Starting with 3.94 acres, the College bought surrounding property, demolished buildings, and closed streets to build the beautiful, tree shaded, 31-acre Central Campus that students and faculty enjoy today.

From the start, CPCC worked to develop innovative teaching methods, and the College soon garnered national recognition for its individualized instruction and computer-assisted instruction. In 1970, the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College invited CPCC to join. The college remains an active member today. In 1985, CPCC was named one of the nation’s top-five community colleges in teaching excellence.

Through the years, CPCC has grown to become a premier workforce development resource, offering its educational services at multiple locations including area businesses. CPCC is known and appreciated as a vital economic engine for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Dr. Tony Zeiss, CPCC’s third president, has led the College since 1992. He is

devoted to the mission of serving students and the community through customized training and workforce development. In 2002, the National Alliance of Business chose CPCC to receive its Community College of the Year Distinguished Performance Award.

Under Dr. Zeiss' direction, CPCC became a multi-campus college in 1996 with the opening of the North Campus (now Merancas) in Huntersville. Four other campuses followed - Levine in 1998, Harper in 1999, Harris (formerly West) in 2001, and Cato (formerly Northeast) in 2002. The College also reaches thousands of distance learning students through online courses and CPCC TV (Time Warner Cable Channel 17).

CPCC is the largest community college in North Carolina, serving more than 70,000 people annually. The College offers nearly 300 degree, diploma, and certificate programs, customized corporate training, market-focused continuing education and special interest classes. For more information, call 704.330.CPCC or see www.cpcc.edu.

Cleveland Community College ***Shelby, N.C.***

Public higher education came to Cleveland County in 1965 with the establishment of the Cleveland County Industrial and Adult Education Center. In October, 1967, the institution officially became Cleveland County Technical Institute (CCTI). CCTI moved from the rented North Morgan Street location and the borrowed classrooms of churches, schools, banks and other available spaces into the old county home buildings in 1969. That site, 137 South Post Road, serves as the location of today's modern facilities.

After several name changes, the institution became Cleveland Community College in 1987 after the addition of two-year college transfer programs. Cleveland Community College (CCC) now offers more than 100 technical, vocational, college transfer, and continuing education programs.

In the past 15 years, CCC enrollment has more than doubled. In 1999, the College added the Paksoy Technology Center with 40,000 square feet of classroom and computer lab space. A few years later, the Brown Emergency Training Center was constructed to provide training facilities for fire, rescue and law enforcement personnel. The Brown ETC has a state-of-the-art burn building and rescue tower.

Even with the addition of the Paksoy and Brown facilities, the College is still in need of instructional space. In order to meet the demand, CCC has embarked on a capital campaign to finance the construction and renovation of several facilities. The Bailey Allied Health and Science Center, a 50,000 square foot building, will open in the fall of 2009 and house the College's allied health programs and science laboratories.

The original building, constructed in 1974, will undergo a massive renovation during 2009. The building houses many of CCC's burgeoning vocational programs.

Additionally, CCC is home to the Cleveland Early College High School (CECHS), opened in August 2008. CCC is looking at a cooperative venture to meet the needs of CECHS, the College, and the citizens of Cleveland County.

Coastal Carolina Community College ***Jacksonville, N.C.***

One of the original industrial education centers, Coastal Carolina Community College (Coastal) began in 1970 with an enrollment of 325 extension students. Today Coastal has a combined curriculum/continuing education enrollment of more than 20,000.

The campus is located in Jacksonville, an “All-America City,” and serves all of Onslow County’s population of more than 162,000. The area is noted for freshwater fishing and its pristine beaches. Onslow County is also home to the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River. Coastal operates extension offices on both bases; which allows military personnel to conveniently enrolled in Coastal courses while fulfilling their military commitment. Coastal’s 98 acre campus features tranquil green lawns, old growth trees, and conveniently situated modern buildings. The new uniquely designed, and high functional, Math and Science Technology Building has won national architectural awards.

In 2007-08, Coastal Carolina Community College was evaluated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for its ten-year reaffirmation of accreditation, and received an exemplary evaluation with no findings or recommendations. As part of this reaffirmation process, Coastal has developed a Quality Enhancement Plan that further focuses on student engagement to enhance student success.

The Coastal experience goes beyond books and labs. Coastal students learn what it means to be an interactive, social, giving part of society. The service learning coordinator helps match student’s interest and abilities to volunteer opportunities throughout the county. Students can choose from an array of opportunities, including rehabilitating turtles at the Sea Turtle Hospital, serving meals at the Soup Kitchen, providing support at the Onslow Women’s Center, assisting disabled individuals as they experience the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding, and much more. The Coastal experience doesn’t just produce graduates; it serves as a foundation for building a complete, enriching life.

College of the Albemarle ***Elizabeth City, N.C.***

College of The Albemarle (COA), serving 7 counties in northeastern NC, was initially chartered under the Community College Act of 1957 and issued a new charter

on July 1, 1963, pursuant to the Community College Act of 1963. In September, 1961, five instructors conducted the college's first classes for 182 students in a renovated hospital. Today, COA employs 190 full-time faculty and staff and serves more than 10,000 students a year at campus locations in Elizabeth City, Manteo, and Edenton. The college's services include college transfer programs, career education/occupational programs, and workforce development and continuing education programs.

COA's Elizabeth City Campus is located on Highway 17. The site provides space for classrooms, laboratories, bookstore, student center, library, computer labs, lecture auditorium, community Auditorium, and administrative and faculty offices. The Elizabeth City Campus houses the Small Business Center and also features an Information Highway Room located in the Foreman Technology Center. The Dr. Zack Owens Health Sciences Center, a joint venture with the Albemarle Family YMCA, houses programs including Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, and Medical Laboratory Technology.

COA's Dare County Campus is located on Russell Twiford Road and is easily accessible from the North Beaches, Hatteras Island, the mainland, and nearby Currituck. The Diane Baum St. Clair Technology Education Center houses computer labs, classroom and office space, and an Information Highway Room. Manteo is also home to the Roanoke Island Campus which houses its Professional Crafts Program and Workforce Development and Continuing Education classes such as Basic Law Enforcement, certified Nursing, HVAC, Pottery, and Small Engine Repair.

The Edenton-Chowan Campus offers several certificate and diploma programs as well as first-year courses toward several degrees. The Administration Building located at 1316 N. Broad Street houses classrooms, offices, a seminar room, student lounge, conference room, Basic Skills Lab, and is located with the Employment Security Commission/JobLink Career Center. The campus, formerly D.F. Walker Elementary School, houses the culinary program and technical/vocational programs including HVAC Technology and Electrical/Electronics Technology. Additional Workforce Development and Continuing Education programs have been moved to the campus.

Craven Community College

New Bern, N.C.

Founded in 1965, Craven Community College has campuses in New Bern and Havelock and an office on base at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. The college serves more than 4,500 curriculum students and nearly 12,000 continuing education students each year.

Craven features a wide range of programs, including college transfer courses, two-year degree offerings, partnerships with four-year universities, specialized workforce

training options and basic skills classes.

The college has achieved a strong reputation, earning distinction from the N.C. Community College System as “Superior Performing” for five of the previous six years.

The Havelock campus is home to the Institute of Aeronautical Technology, which provides training in aircraft maintenance to support the Fleet Readiness Center East at nearby MCAS Cherry Point.

The campus is also home to the Lewis S. Redd Classroom Building, which is named for the college’s second president, as well as a branch of the Craven County Public Library.

Craven has a proud tradition of educating nurses and is looking to expand its health care program offerings.

The college’s “University Connections” initiative with East Carolina University and N.C. State University allows students to complete four-year degrees in one of 17 different program areas without leaving Craven County.

An Early College high school and a network of public radio stations are headquartered at the New Bern campus. A Small Business Center, a strong adult enrichment program and arts and entertainment events help round out the college’s offerings to Craven County and the growing region.

Davidson County Community College ***Thomasville, N.C.***

Davidson County Community College was initially chartered in 1958 as an Industrial Education Center (IEC). Like other industrial education centers chartered in the 1950s and consolidated under the Community College Act of 1963, this center was designed to equip adults with the skills needed to move from an agricultural to a manufacturing-based economy. When the Sinclair Building opened on a 22-acre site in 1963, the Davidson County IEC enrolled 125 students in vocational and technical programs and 51 students in adult education and service programs. In 1965 the institution was chartered as Davidson County Community College (DCCC). The Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees were added to the existing Associate in Applied Science degree, diploma and certificate offerings.

The Davie Campus opened in the spring of 1994 at 1205 Salisbury Road in Mocksville with support from Davie County, the Town of Mocksville, business and industry and citizens. The campus consists of 45 acres, three classroom and lab buildings, and an emergency services training facility.

The Davie Campus achieved multi-campus status by the state in 2004.

Due to the support from many community partners, DCCC opened three satellite education centers in 2004, 2005 and 2008. The Uptown Lexington Education Center

at 20 East First Street opened its doors in May 2004, with the Thomasville Education Center first offering courses in June 2005 at 305 Randolph Street. The Davie Education Center opened in April 2008, located in Advance.

The DCCC serves approximately 16,500 students each year on the Davidson and Davie campuses and its three satellite centers. With over 50 curriculum programs, the campus continues to grow and expand its educational programs and services.

Durham Technical Community College ***Durham and Orange Counties, N.C.***

Durham Technical Community College has served the residents of Durham and Orange counties since opening its doors in 1961. As one of the original ten institutions in the N.C. Community College System, Durham Tech follows an open-door with guided placement admissions policy to provide adults an opportunity to better themselves through education and skills training. Offerings include more than 100 credit program options leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate; the first two years of a four-year degree; and a wide variety of continuing education and occupational extension courses for workforce development and broadening personal horizons.

The college's adult basic skills instruction includes GED preparation, the Adult High School diploma, and English as A Second Language courses. Durham Tech offers North Carolina's only associate's degree training in opticianry, clinical trials research, and dental laboratory technology. The Middle College High School serves students from Durham Public Schools, Chapel Hill/Carrboro Schools and Orange County Schools. The Project DEgree program is available for 18 to 26 year olds who have earned their high school diploma or GED but need additional developmental education to prepare for college-level course work. The Gateway to College program is an educational option for Durham Public Schools students between the ages of 16 and 21 who have dropped out of high school but have a desire to earn their high school diploma while also earning college credits. Seats are limited in both of these programs.

More than 25,000 persons attend Durham Tech each year at campuses located adjacent to the Research Triangle Park in Durham, in northern Durham County, and in Orange County near Hillsborough. Classes are also offered at the Orange County Skills Development Center on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill and at numerous other locations throughout Durham and Orange counties.

Edgecombe Community College ***Tarboro, N.C.***

Edgecombe Community College opened in 1967 and held its first classes in August 1968. Since then, the college has evolved from one small building into a multi-campus

institution with campuses in Tarboro and Rocky Mount.

The main campus in Tarboro has grown to nine buildings on 120 acres. The Rocky Mount campus covers one city block and comprises two buildings.

Edgecombe offers programs in more than 40 curriculum areas. These include college transfer associate degrees (A.A., A.F.A., A.G.E., and A.S.) and associate in applied science degrees, diplomas, and certificates in the divisions of arts and sciences, business and technologies, and health sciences. The college also provides on-site training for employees of local industries as well as personal enrichment programs and courses.

The college serves about 10,500 individuals through its curriculum, continuing education, and workforce development programs.

Edgecombe experienced the largest percentage enrollment increase of any community college in North Carolina in Fall 2009, with enrollment increasing 37-percent from Fall 2008 to Fall 2009. In a special report highlighting community college growth in the U.S., Edgecombe was ranked fifth in the nation among the fastest-growing community colleges its size.

Distance education at Edgecombe is among the fastest growing distance programs in the state. Two programs are available entirely online: health information technology and business administration.

The college is the county's major provider of workforce training and retraining. Staff work with local industries to provide consulting and training services. Sustainability Technology, Warehousing/Logistics, and Building Operator are examples of new programs designed to meet industry needs.

Edgecombe is one of five community colleges in the nation that offers a degree in Historic Preservation and the only community college in the state that offers a program in preservation-related building trades.

Fayetteville Technical Community College ***Fayetteville, N.C.***

Fayetteville Technical Community College originated in 1961 as the Fayetteville Area Industrial Education Center and became Fayetteville Technical Institute in 1963. It was not until 1988 that it became known as Fayetteville Technical Community College. Fayetteville Tech is a public, two-year comprehensive community college serving Fayetteville and Cumberland County. The college offers over 150 programs of study leading to the award of associate degree, certificate, or diploma. Courses are available in face-to-face classroom settings or online, with many programs of study offered 100 percent online. The Continuing Education program at Fayetteville Tech is the largest in the state.

Serving over 40,000 students annually in curriculum and continuing education programs, the college ranks as the third-largest community college in the state. Fifty-seven percent of FTCC students enrolled in curriculum and continuing education programs are minorities, and fifty-seven percent are female.

The college works closely with local and state employers to produce well-trained graduates ready to take their place in the work force and also works with area four-year colleges and universities to partner in programs that support students. With the philosophy that learning is truly a lifelong experience, Fayetteville Tech also offers many unique “bridging” programs to help working students in specific occupations apply knowledge and special skills attained through work experience as class credits toward specially designed programs of study. Fayetteville Tech is a military friendly college (Guide to Military Friendly Colleges) and serves a large military population from nearby Fort Bragg.

Classes are conveniently offered at the Fayetteville campus (2201 Hull Road), the Spring Lake campus (near Fort Bragg), and the Fort Bragg Soldier Development Center. Horticulture classes are offered at the Horticulture Education Center adjacent to the Cape Fear Botanical Garden.

Forsyth Technical Community College **Winston-Salem, N.C.**

Forsyth Technical Community College (Forsyth Tech) was established in 1960 as an Industrial Education Center (IEC), part of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. In 1963, the IEC became part of the North Carolina Community College System as Forsyth Technical Institute. At that time, approximately 150 students enrolled in curriculum programs and 500 enrolled in continuing education programs.

Since 1963, the institution has undergone many changes. The name changed in 1985 to Forsyth Technical College and to Forsyth Technical Community College in 1987 with the addition of a college transfer program. Besides the college transfer program, which offers 20 AA and AS degrees, Forsyth Tech currently offers 67 Associate of Applied Science degree programs, 37 diploma programs, 70 certificate programs, and 20 college transfer degrees. These curriculum programs serve over 12,500 students each year, while economic and workforce development courses serve approximately 30,000 students each year.

The main campus is located at 2100 Silas Creek Parkway. Economic and workforce development administrators and some adult education programs are located at the West Campus, 1300 Bolton Street. A Fourth Street Downtown Center and a Fifth Street Library Center opened in 1996 to provide more accessible training for business and industry. The Grady P. Swisher Center in Kernersville and the Mazie S. Woodruff Center in northeast Winston-Salem opened in 1998. A Stokes County office opened

in Danbury in the fall of 1999 and the Northwest Center opened in July 2008 near King and Tobaccoville. A new Stokes County center is currently planned to be built in Walnut Cove, and a new Transportation Center is scheduled to open in early 2012 in Winston-Salem.

Gaston College

Dallas, N.C.

Gaston College was granted a charter by the State of North Carolina in 1963 under the provisions of the Community College Act and operated under the direction of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education. The college began classes in temporary headquarters at a local church in September of 1964. On July 1, 1965, Gaston College merged with Gaston Technical Institute and the Gastonia Industrial Education Center and was chartered by the State Board of Education. On January 1, 1981, the college began operating under the newly-formed North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges as a two-year comprehensive college.

From its humble beginnings in 1963, Gaston College has grown into one of the largest community colleges in North Carolina. The college employed 385 full-time workers and 482 part-time workers in October 2010. Of these, 161 were full-time instructors and 404 were part-time instructors. Its present annual unduplicated headcount for both curriculum and continuing education student totals more than 23,000 students. In fall 2010, the median age for curriculum students was 24 years of age. The median age of continuing education students for the same time period was 35 years of age. In 2010-11, over \$15 million dollars of financial aid and scholarships was disbursed to students. In total, over \$21 million dollars in financial aid was awarded to 4,407 Gaston College students.

Currently the college offers over 100 curriculum programs and hundreds of continuing education courses in the classroom or online. In 2009-10, the college awarded 527 associate degrees, 160 diplomas, and 385 certificates for a total of 1,027 postsecondary awards. Additionally, Gaston College conferred 768 high school degrees/GED's granting more high school diplomas than any high school in Gaston and Lincoln County.

Gaston College continues to expand through new facilities and innovative projects. The main campus, dedicated in 1981, is situated on 178 acres between Dallas and Gastonia on Highway 321, just off Interstate 85.

Guilford Technical Community College

Jamestown, N.C.

Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC), North Carolina's fourth largest

community college, established in 1958 on the site of a former TB sanitarium in Jamestown, celebrated its 50th anniversary on April 3, 2008.

Founded as the Guilford Industrial Education Center, the fledgling training facility initially offered two courses to approximately 50 students in the main sanitarium building. By the end of the 1958-59 academic year, 11 full-time and 10 part-time instructors were teaching 593 students in six vocational courses.

In 1965, the Guilford Industrial Education Center was elevated to Guilford Technical Institute (GTI) and authorized to grant the Associate in Applied Science degree. A protracted and contentious struggle to become a comprehensive community college succeeded with the approval of a college transfer program in 1983 and the institution was renamed Guilford Technical Community College.

In 2008-09, GTCC operated three major campuses and two centers; the main campus at 601 High Point Road in Jamestown; at 901 South Main Street in High Point and 3505 East Wendover Avenue in Greensboro; the T. H. Davis Aviation Center at 260 North Regional Road, Piedmont Triad International Airport and the Small Business Center, 207 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro.

GTCC curriculum students are 57-percent female, 43-percent male, and 46-percent minority. The average age of a curriculum student is 28.4 years. GTCC offers more than 100 associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs and 27 different college transfer programs. The college employs more than 250 full-time and more than 680 part-time faculty and more than 332 full-time and 112 part-time staff.

GTCC's High Point campus is home to the Larry Gatlin School of Entertainment Technology Inc., a state-of-the-art facility where students pursue four courses of study leading to entry level careers in the entertainment industry. For more information about the college consult www.gtcc.edu.

Halifax Community College **Weldon, N.C.**

Halifax Community College (HCC), chartered in 1967 as Halifax County Technical Institute, began functioning in February 1968. Since its beginning with an enrollment of 15 curriculum students in two programs, HCC has grown dramatically and serves more than 2,000 students in 40 program areas, as well as 5,745 other students through continuing education programs. With the establishment of a two-year college transfer program, the name Halifax Community College became effective in July 1976.

HCC's service area is rural with agriculture as a strong influence. HCC serves a population of 80,000 individuals. In recent years, several large industries have moved into the area to vary the economic base.

The campus includes eight buildings. The administrative building houses

classrooms, offices, computer laboratories and a 150-seat auditorium. The Learning Resources Center provides study and research networking through the state library automation center, and maintains the Learning Assistance Center, providing academic, technical and instructional support for students, faculty and staff, the Electronic Resources Center and the Distance Learning Office. The Literacy/Science Education Center houses a learning center for the literacy program, a GED lab, six large classrooms, four science/chemistry labs and 11 offices, plus a computer room, a testing room and large lecture space.

A model Child Care Center and teaching facility adds more than 18,000 square feet of classroom space to the campus. The student activity complex combines all of the Student Services functions including the admissions office, bookstore, student lounge and the JobLink Career Satellite Center. The Continuing Education Center houses the Small Business Center, classrooms, offices and a large multi-purpose auditorium. An Allied Health/Multi-Purpose Building houses allied health programs and a 1,500-seat theatre space known as The Centre, complete with dressing rooms, a scene shop and ticket office. In 2003, the Wellness Center was constructed, housing exercise equipment for classes.

Haywood Community College ***Clyde, N.C.***

Haywood Community College (HCC) opened its doors in August 1965, as Haywood Industrial Education Center with one curriculum program and 15 students. Today, HCC is a fully-accredited community college offering over 50 curriculum programs to more than 3000 students. Students also attend classes through its continuing education division, including adult basic education, GED preparation, occupational courses, personal enrichment, and community service programs such as health and emergency services and law enforcement training. The college is also a leader in integrating entrepreneurship, sustainability, and creativity into its curriculum programs of study.

The college is located on a beautiful 105-acre campus in the heart of Western North Carolina and is bordered by the Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway. HCC also offers classes at the Regional High Technology Center, home of the Golden Leaf Advanced Machining Center, and the West Waynesville Center.

The college also owns a 320-acre tract of land, the Raymond Fowler Teaching Forest, which is characterized by widely-dispersed rhododendron, wildflowers and fern habitats amidst diverse timber, and The John T. and Catherine R. Beaty Natural Resources Classroom, a 54-acre tract of forestland. In 2009, HCC acquired a 328 acre tract of land located at Balsam Gap through a generous gift from the Conservation Fund. These tracts of land are used as outdoor classrooms for HCC's Natural Resources

Programs.

HCC takes pride in its history and reputation of marked service to the community, to the region and to the students who enroll there. With this solid base on which to build, the college strives to be alive to the present and alert to the future as it constantly seeks to update, improve and adapt its programs and services to the educational needs of the people.

Isothermal Community College

Spindale, N.C.

Founded in 1964, Isothermal Community College serves Rutherford and Polk counties in the beautiful foothills of western North Carolina. Isothermal, so-named because of the region's steady climate, is a comprehensive, two-year public institution and is a part of the North Carolina Community College System. Isothermal's mission is to "improve life through learning."

The college offers 91 programs of study, including college transfer, vocational, and technical programs leading to a two-year associate degree, or one-year or less certificate or diploma. Isothermal also provides training for area business and industry, personal enrichment courses, adult basic education, adult high school programs, remedial and developmental courses, and community service activities.

The institution is accredited to award associate degrees by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. As of fall 2010, 2,928 students were enrolled in curriculum courses at Isothermal. Thousands benefited from the college's wide range of continuing education programs.

Isothermal's employees are closely connected with the community. Whether responding to a customized training need of a new or expanding business, helping create jobs through entrepreneurial efforts like the Isothermal Small Business Center or volunteering for local charity events, the Isothermal family is always there to lend an effective and efficient hand.

The main campus is on 142 acres in Spindale. The Polk Center is in Columbus. The Spindale campus, perched on the shore of an 11-acre lake, is home to The Foundation Center for the Performing Arts, the area's premier venue for the arts and other special events.

The college also owns and operates WNCW 88.7, an award-winning public radio station that can be heard in parts of five different states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.

To learn more about Isothermal online, go to www.isothermal.edu, www.wncw.org or www.foundationshows.org.

James Sprunt Community College *Kenansville, N.C.*

James Sprunt Community College is located in historic Kenansville in Duplin County in southeastern North Carolina. It originated in 1960 as the Duplin County Unit of the Goldsboro Industrial Education Center. In 1964, the institution was expanded and renamed James Sprunt Institute in honor of Dr. James Sprunt, celebrated Civil War chaplain and educator. In 1971, James Sprunt Institute was chartered as a technical institute, and in 1986 was granted community college status.

JSCC offers one and two-year degree programs ranging from Welding and Advertising and Graphic Design, to Nursing and College Transfer. In 1989, JSCC initiated the first Swine Management Technology Program by a community college east of the Mississippi. In 2006, the college began the Viticulture and Enology Program, the only grape-growing and wine-making program in a community college to focus on the native muscadine grape. The institution has a 53-acre campus with seven main buildings, including a vineyard for the Viticulture and Enology Program. The newest building, the Zettie Brinson Williams Building, was dedicated in April, 2008.

Johnston Community College *Smithfield, N.C.*

Since 1969, Johnston Community College has been awarding associate's degrees, certificates, and diplomas to students pursuing occupational, technical, and continuing education skills. With a combined curriculum and continuing education enrollment of nearly 18,000 students, JCC is the 15th largest community college in North Carolina.

JCC opened its doors in September 1969 in Four Oaks and moved to its current location in Smithfield in 1976. A member of the North Carolina Community College System and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, JCC is located 30 miles east of Raleigh near the junction of Interstate 95 and U.S. Highway 70 Business. The two-year post-secondary college offers more than 50 occupational programs of study, including a college transfer option, as well as numerous continuing education programs and community service activities on its 175-acre main campus.

JCC boasts state-of-the-art facilities and has educational centers throughout the county, including the Workforce Development Center in Clayton, a biosciences training center that houses classrooms and computer and science labs, and the Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center, a 2800-acre wildlife preserve and teaching facility located in the Four Oaks area. The College's main campus is also home to a 16-acre arboretum, a 1000-seat performing arts auditorium, and the North Carolina Truck Driver Training School, the oldest truck driver training school in the country.

JCC's facilities continue to grow to meet the demands of its growing student body. In 2010, JCC opened an addition to the Health Sciences Building, which creates more classrooms for the health sciences programs, more health and natural science labs, and an expanded child development center. In 2011, JCC will debut its new environmentally-friendly Learning Resource Center, which will house the college's library and distance education programs.

Lenoir Community College ***Kinston, N.C.***

Lenoir Community College (LCC) is a thriving, educational community of approximately 195 full-time employees, more than 400 part-time employees, approximately 3,500 students in curriculum programs and more than 12,500 in continuing education. Celebrating more than 50 years of changing worlds, LCC was chartered in 1958 as one of the original Industrial Education Centers. The college soon became a focal point for development of other institutions in a six-county area. As one of the original colleges in the state's community college system, LCC continues building on its past and the idea that education is a lifelong process. LCC stands for excellence and achievement. Its graduates have distinguished themselves in many academic and professional fields.

The college has grown from its original 18-acre permanent campus to its current 128-acre campus in Kinston. LCC serves citizens in Lenoir, Jones and Greene counties. Centers are located in Snow Hill (Greene County) and Trenton (Jones County), La Grange and at the Kinston Regional Jetport. LCC also offers education programs at Eastern Correctional Institution, Maury Correctional Institution, and Greene Correctional Institution, all in Maury.

The faculty, staff and administration have a strong sense of mission to train the workforce of Lenoir, Jones and Greene counties. Students are the focus of LCC. The college has committed itself by purpose, resources and a caring faculty and staff to provide quality instruction for many personal and career needs. This is evidenced by the variety of degree, diploma, certificate and continuing education programs, in addition to basic education, business and industry support for community service programs. LCC offers 60 programs leading to associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. LCC is challenged to assume an increasingly active role in promoting the economic development and quality of life in the communities it serves.

Martin Community College ***Williamston, N.C.***

Martin Community College was initially authorized as a Technical Institute by the General Assembly in 1967. Under a contractual agreement with the Martin County Board of Education, the institution offered extension courses during the summer of 1968 and added curriculum programs in the fall of that year. The original Technical Institute was housed in an old public school facility in Everetts.

Following a successful countywide election in June 1969, the college obtained independent status and was subsequently granted community college status in June 1975. The name of the Institute was officially changed to Martin Community College in 1976.

In 1971, the main campus was relocated to a 65-acre tract at the intersection of Kehukee Park Road and U.S. Highway 64, one mile west of Williamston. The initial instructional buildings of the new campus were completed in May 1971.

The campus complex includes eight buildings housing 210,295 square feet of instructional and laboratory facilities, and auditorium, bookstore, cafeteria, vocational shops, preschool room, Information Highway Auditorium and the Martin Arena and Equine Facility. The Learning Resources Center houses more than 30,250 volumes, a print shop and genealogy/local history area, as well as a special collection of North Carolina materials. Martin Community College serves three counties from the main campus in Williamston and learning centers in Windsor (Bertie County) and Roper (Washington County).

Mayland Community College ***Spruce Pine, N.C.***

Mayland Community College has served Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties since being approved as Mayland Technical Institute (MTI) by the 1971 session of the North Carolina General Assembly upon recommendations from the N.C. Board of Education, the Advisory Budget Commission and the governor. MTI began operation in September, 1971, in the board room of Northwestern Bank in Spruce Pine. The institution was formally renamed Mayland Technical College in December, 1979, and Mayland Community College in 1988.

MCC is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina on the Avery/Mitchell County line near the town of Spruce Pine. It is chartered to serve Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties (hence the name, "MAY"land). The college has a 41-acre campus with eight buildings, including a vocational laboratory, auto body repair shop, welding shop, public safety building, student commons/learning resource

center, administration building and the Mayland Early College High School and Phillips-Gwaltney Preschool.

Opened in the spring of 1997, the Samuel L. Phillips Center for Business and Technology features computer labs and classrooms, a 250-seat auditorium and an electronic classroom connected to the N.C. Information Highway for distance education. A new Health Technologies Building now houses nursing and medical assisting programs. The college also operates two satellite campuses in Avery and Yancey counties.

From September, 1971, to August, 1972, Mayland Community College offered courses in continuing education only. In the fall quarter of 1972, 80 students enrolled in four curriculum programs. By the fall semester of 2007, 1,592 students were enrolled in 36 curriculum programs. MCC currently offers adult basic education (ABE) courses and testing for the general education development (GED) diploma.

MCC provides also educational opportunities using Internet, video, podcast, and hybrid (combination seating class and Internet) means of course delivery. This is providing ways for non-traditional students to complete their studies at times and locations convenient to them.

Mayland serves more than 8,000 persons each year through its educational programs, including more than twenty percent of the adult population within its service area.

McDowell Technical Community College Marion, N.C.

McDowell Technical Community College was established in 1964 as the Marion-McDowell Industrial Education Center, located in downtown Marion, N.C. near the corner of State Street and South Garden Street. M-MEIC operated as a satellite unit of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute until September, 1967, when M-MIEC became an independent unit of the Department of Community Colleges. The first Board of Trustees was sworn in, giving more local autonomy.

In 1970, the school moved to permanent facilities on a 31-acre site at the intersection of Interstate 40 and Highway 226 in Marion. The following year, the N.C. General Assembly made it possible for the school to become an independent institution. The College was officially chartered as McDowell Technical Institute.

The N.C. General Assembly enacted a bill in 1979 to change the school's name to McDowell Technical College. The College undertook a major bond campaign, resulting in \$2,400,000 for the addition of new facilities.

In 1988, McDowell Technical College changed its name to McDowell Technical Community College to more accurately reflect the comprehensive educational

opportunities available to the citizens of McDowell County. The MTCC Small Business Center was funded and established to provide educational opportunities and financial assistance to small businesses in the county.

In conjunction with Isothermal and Cleveland Community Colleges, MTCC established the Foothills Nursing Consortium to begin offering an Associate Degree Nursing Program in 1991. Mr. Ford Miller, a local businessman, made the largest private donation the college had ever received when he gave MTCC the former Marion Mills Office Building on Baldwin Avenue in May, 2005. Trustees named the building The Ford Miller Employment and Training Complex.

Today, McDowell Technical Community College offers Associate Degrees, Diplomas, and/or Certificates in more than 30 curriculum areas. The College also offers classes in many areas of Continuing Education.

Mitchell Community College ***Statesville, N.C.***

The institution dates back to 1852 when the Presbytery of Concord decided to establish an educational institution in western North Carolina for females. A windstorm in 1855 destroyed the nearly-completed structure, but it was rebuilt and opened in 1856 with 122 students. An additional setback came in 1857 when a measles epidemic forced the first year of operation to a premature close.

Between 1871 and 1917, the name of the college changed three times: Simonton Female College (1871), Statesville Female College (1883) and Mitchell College (1917). Mitchell College produced its first junior college graduate in 1924 and became co-educational in 1932 when five men enrolled. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted accreditation in 1955 and, in 1959, the Mitchell College Foundation received the property deed from Concord Presbytery.

Through legislative action, Mitchell became the 57th community N.C. Community College System institution on July 1, 1973, and the only private institution ever to be admitted to the North Carolina Community College System. Equality of educational opportunities and active recruitment of minority students continues to be an important goal of the institution.

Montgomery Technical College ***Troy, N.C.***

The N.C. Board of Education issued a charter to Montgomery Technical Institute on September 7, 1967. Eight members were appointed to the institute's board of

trustees. Administrative and teaching personnel were hired in November, 1967. Extension classes began in 1967-68 and full-time curriculum students were accepted in August, 1968. The institution graduated its first students in June, 1969. Adult basic education and adult high school diploma programs began in October, 1968. In June, 1968, Montgomery Technical Institute occupied temporary space in a building on Page Street in Troy. The N.C. Board of Education chartered the school as a technical institution in 1971. Four more members were appointed to the board of trustees by the Governor of North Carolina according to state law in December, 1971.

In October, 1975, voters in Montgomery County approved a bond issue authorizing the construction of a new campus of 64,000 square-feet on a 149-acre tract. Montgomery Technical Institute became Montgomery Technical College in January, 1983, and Montgomery Community College in 1987.

The college's campus, located in the Uwharrie Mountains near the geographic center of the state, now totals 128,000 square-feet of space on 153 acres of land. The campus houses a wide variety of continuing education programs, and a full range of associate degree, diploma and certificate options, including both Associate in Arts and Associate in Science college transfer degrees. Montgomery Community College is perhaps best known for its unique programs in Gunsmithing, Taxidermy, Professional Crafts: Clay, and Business Administration: Shooting and Hunting Sports Management, which combine the county's rich cultural heritage with the community college's mission of workforce development and training.

Nash Community College

Rocky Mount, N.C.

Nash Community College was founded in 1967 and is a public, two-year post-secondary educational institution with an open-door admissions policy. Its mission is to provide an affordable educational environment which prepares students for college transfer and rewarding careers. Through high quality instruction, technology, workforce development, and community partnerships, Nash Community College provides lifelong learning opportunities to individuals, communities, and organizations. Almost 12,000 citizens from the Nash/Rocky Mount area enrolled in Nash Community College during the 2009-10 academic year.

The college is located on 86 acres midway between Nashville and Rocky Mount, less than a mile off U.S. Highway 64 Bypass and Interstate 95. While its primary service area is Nash County, its location enables enrollment of students from the surrounding counties of Franklin, Wake, Wilson and Halifax. Modern buildings, including the Science and Technology Building, the Business and Industry Center, and a five-star rated Child Development Center comprise the spacious campus.

As a comprehensive community college, 99 degrees, diploma or certificate

programs are offered. Included are two-year technical and college transfer programs that give students the knowledge and expertise required for challenging careers or successful transfers to four-year colleges or universities.

Vocational, occupational and business and industry related programs are offered which prepare students for jobs and provides a skilled work force for the area. Additionally, the college offers Adult Basic Education, GED, and adult high school to meet diverse needs of the citizenry in Nash County and the surrounding area

Pamlico Community College **Grantsboro, N.C.**

A few classrooms for adult education were carved from spaces at Pamlico County High School in July of 1962 for what was then known as the Pamlico County Industrial Education Center. Classes were held under the umbrella of the Lenoir Industrial Education Center. From the embryonic beginning, Pamlico Technical Institute was chartered in 1971. The name was changed to Pamlico Technical College in 1979 and to Pamlico Community College in 1987.

Beginning with only one full-time curriculum program and approximately 200 Continuing Education students, the college now routinely enrolls about 20 percent of the area population in their curriculum or Continuing Education classes. The ever-expanding need for graduates in Allied Health curriculums was the impetus for the construction of four new classrooms in 2007 catering to these specific needs.

In addition to the four new Allied Health Classrooms, a new 650-seat auditorium/multi-purpose building was added to the 44-acre campus and officially dedicated March 31, 2008 as the Ned Everett Delamar Center. Delamar, a Pamlico County native and lifelong resident, represented the county in the state legislature 1955-64 and co-sponsored the legislation which created the North Carolina Community College System.

More important than bricks and mortar, the theme of the college's effort to attract students is "...changing lives..." Serving a rural county with only 13,000 residents, the college is striving to meet the needs of traditional students as well as an ever-burgeoning population of retirees with diverse backgrounds moving to this coastal county from all over the world.

Piedmont Community College **Roxboro, N.C.**

Chartered in 1970, Piedmont Community College serves the adult citizens of Person and Caswell counties as the primary provider of adult education, training and retraining for the workforce, including basic skills and literacy education, occupational

and pre-baccalaureate programs. The college supports economic development through services to and in partnership with business and industry and in collaboration with the University of North Carolina System and private colleges and universities. Piedmont Community College also provides services to enhance the quality of life for individuals and communities.

The Person County Campus, the college's main campus, is located in Roxboro, 40 miles north of the Research Triangle Park. The Caswell County Campus is located in Yanceyville, between Burlington and Danville, VA. The college serves nearly 19-percent of the adult population in this two-county service area, or over 10,000 individuals, and ranks 33rd in size among the 58 colleges in the North Carolina Community College System.

Students may choose from over 35 programs of study leading to degrees, diplomas or certificates including University Transfer programs, Technical and Occupational programs, and programs in Business, Human Services, and Health and Science. Among the college's more unique programs are Film and Video Production Technology and Digital Effects and Animation Technology. PCC offers one of the only two Gunsmithing programs in North Carolina. Piedmont Community College provides training for today's jobs, such as Electrical Power Production Technology, Biotechnology and Laboratory Technology programs as well as Nursing and allied health programs.

The college offers an extensive Distance Learning program, as well as a variety of Continuing Education classes and services to businesses, industries, and the community through its Customized Training Program. It also offers classes and assistance for displaced workers; specialized training for Fire, Rescue/EMS and Law Enforcement workers; adult literacy services; and English as a Second Language classes.

For more information, visit the College website at www.piedmontcc.edu or call (336) 599-1181.

Pitt Community College **Greenville, N.C.**

Pitt Community College (PCC), a member of the North Carolina Community College System, is a comprehensive, public two-year educational institution serving Pitt County. PCC provides high-quality programs and services to enhance Pitt County's economic and workforce development.

Chartered as an industrial education center in 1961, PCC was designated a technical institute three years later and a community college in 1979.

Today, PCC provides educational programs and services to one in every six Pitt County adults each year. More than 11,100 curriculum and 16,000 continuing education students utilize the college's educational services annually.

PCC offers 49 associate degree, 68 certificate and 24 diploma programs. The

college specializes in allied health programs and currently offers more health and science curricula than any community college in the eastern part of the state.

Pitt is also a distance education leader, with 19 programs offered entirely online and more than 200 curriculum courses offered through a variety of distance learning methods. Continuing Ed offers more than 200 online courses.

PCC's main campus - known for its Georgian architecture, colorful azaleas and pine trees - is located on 165 acres just south of Greenville's city limits with another 126 acres available for future development.

In 2009, the college opened the Craig F. Goess Student Center – a one-stop shop for students featuring admissions, registration and financial aid services along with a dining facility and student lounge. The Herman Simon Building, a 35,765-square-foot addition to the school's health sciences facility, opened in 2010, providing modern classroom, laboratory and office space.

PCC broke ground on three new buildings in December 2010 that will increase office and classroom space on campus by 20 percent.

PCC fields intercollegiate athletic teams in men's baseball, men's basketball, women's fast-pitch softball and women's volleyball. The baseball program competed in the 2010 JUCO World Series while the softball team appeared in the national tournament in 2010.

Randolph Community College ***Asheboro, N.C.***

Randolph Community College provides educational programs that meet Randolph County's workforce needs in a changing economy. The college prepares individuals for sustainable careers in a variety of industries through its associate degree, diploma, certificate, and noncredit certification programs; helps workers in business and industries upgrade their skills through customized training; joins with local and state agencies to provide job skills training and a new start for displaced workers; and provides free consultation and training for small business owners.

Randolph Community College was one of only two community colleges in the North Carolina Community College System that achieved "Exceptional Institutional Performance (EIP)" standards for the third consecutive year, based on 2009-10 academic year data.

Randolph Community College began operation in 1962 as Randolph Industrial Education Center, a joint city-county industrial education center. Situated near the geographic center of North Carolina in Asheboro, Randolph Community College is located on Interstates 73/74, just 26 miles south of Greensboro, making it accessible from all parts of the state. The college draws from a population base of just over 24,000 in Asheboro and 144,879 county-wide.

RCC's 35-acre main campus in Asheboro includes 11 classroom buildings. Three satellite locations include the Archdale Center, serving residents in the fast-growing northwest corner of Randolph County; and a 60-acre Emergency Services Training Center located just outside Asheboro; and the Cosmetology Center on South Fayetteville Street in Asheboro.

Randolph Community College currently offers 30 vocational and technical degree programs, including a college transfer program, and a comprehensive continuing education program. RCC is fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Annual enrollment for curriculum students in 2009-10 was 3,919; annual enrollment for continuing education students was just over 11,000.

Richmond Community College

Hamlet, N.C.

Chartered in 1964, Richmond Community College has helped citizens of Richmond and Scotland counties reach their higher education goals for nearly 50 years. In 2010, it was the fastest growing community college in the state with a total enrollment of 8319 curriculum and continuing education students.

A large percentage of RCC students are enrolled in associate degree programs, which provide them their freshman and sophomore years of college. A new agreement with N.C. State University allows graduates of the associate in science program to enter the university's Poultry Science program as a junior. RCC is one of two community colleges in the state with this agreement.

RCC offers 21 associate in applied science degrees, many of which transfer to senior institutions. Diploma and certificate programs are also offered. Programs are developed to keep pace with the needs of the area's job market. Recently added curriculum programs include: Electric Utility Substation and Relay Technology, Health Information Technology, Healthcare Business Informatics, and Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology

RCC operates two early college high school programs. Students attend class with adult learners and have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and associate degree in five years. Most ECHS students are first generation college students.

The Workforce and Economic Development unit of the college provides programs allowing students to earn a GED, gain job skills, or explore personal interests. The Customized Training Program works closely with industrial recruiters to provide company-specific training programs.

RCC's 160-acre main campus is located on U.S. Highway Business 74 in Hamlet.

RCC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and

the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The Associate Degree Nursing, Criminal Justice Technology, and Mechanical Engineering Technology curricula are certified by the NC Board of Nursing, the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, and the American Drafting and Design Association, respectively.

Additional information about the college can be found at www.richmondcc.edu

Roanoke-Chowan Community College **Ahoskie, N.C.**

Roanoke-Chowan Community College was established in 1967. The College serves the residents of the Roanoke-Chowan area, including the counties of Hertford, Northampton, Bertie, and Gates. Originally founded as Roanoke-Chowan Technical Institute the institution's name changed to Roanoke-Chowan Technical College in 1981. The current name was adopted in 1987.

Located on a 41-acre site outside the town of Ahoskie in Hertford County, the original campus was a former state correctional facility. Seven existing prison buildings were renovated for offices and classrooms, with a two-story wooden building erected in 1969 to house additional classrooms and laboratory spaces for cosmetology, business and architectural drafting programs. Of the original structures, only the two-story remains and is in use today.

Other modern campus buildings include the Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr., Education Center, the Julian Pittman Freeman Vocational Education Building, the John W. "Jack" Young, Jr., Center, the Hugh Caullie Freeman Education Building, and an Industrial Technology Training Center. In early 2002, construction of the 32,500 square foot New Student Center was completed. This facility includes a gymnasium/multipurpose room, classrooms, office space, dining area, and student lounge. Also on campus is a seven-acre arboretum/environmental science outdoor laboratory that was designated as a Project WILD Education Site by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission in 1997.

From its early beginnings in an old, abandoned prison building with few students, staff and offerings, the college has grown significantly. Approximately 25 curricular programs and a wide array of continuing education courses and programs are now offered. Annual enrollment runs between 850 and 950 curricular students and between 2,000 and 3,000 continuing education students.

Robeson Community College

Lumberton, N.C.

In 1965, the community college movement expanded into Robeson County with the establishment of Robeson Technical Institute. The institute was located at the Barker Ten-Mile Elementary School, seven miles north of Lumberton. Twenty full-time curriculum students enrolled the first year. The college has undergone two name changes since its beginning; however, it remains committed to serving all sectors of the county and surrounding area with vocational, technical, college transfer, and continuing education programs.

Three building phases, beginning in 1972 and finishing in 1988, resulted in an 188,662 square-foot physical plant at RCC. In the summer of 1995, an Emergency Services Training Center was constructed on Highway 72 near the Progress Energy Weatherspoon Power Plant. In 2004, the college became one of a very few two-year institutions in North Carolina to construct an education building in an industrial park. In 2006, a new state-of-the-art Health Science Building was completed on the main campus bringing the college's total physical plant to more than 227,665 square feet.

Today, Robeson Community College offers more than 22 curriculum programs and numerous continuing education classes in the greater Robeson County area. The College is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and holds several national accreditations that are program specific. There are currently more than 200 full-time employees and 400 part-time faculty and staff that teach and provide support services to the patrons of the college.

Rockingham Community College

Wentworth, N.C.

Rockingham Community College, located in Wentworth, serves the educational needs of both individuals and the corporate-industrial community in Rockingham and surrounding counties. The college offers numerous short-term certificate programs, one-year programs, two-year technical and college transfer programs, General Education Development, and Adult Basic Education. Numerous Continuing Education courses and workshops are also available.

The creation of RCC was approved in 1963 through voter approval of a bond issue, and classes began in 1966 with 600 students. Enrollment for the 2007-08 academic year in one- and two-year programs is approximately 2,086 with nearly 11,000 additional residents served annually through Community Workforce Education Development division. About 80-percent of RCC students are natives of Rockingham County. The college has 177 full-time and numerous part-time employees. The

274-acre campus has 18 modern buildings and an annual operating budget of approximately of 17 million dollars.

RCC offers a variety of allied health science programs including nursing, surgical technology, respiratory therapy. Students can enroll in a host of industrial technology programs such as machining, electrical engineering, and horticulture technology. Basic law enforcement training, early childhood education, cosmetology, office systems technology, and information systems programs are available as well. Partnerships with Greensboro College and Winston Salem State University allow RCC to offer bachelor's degree in nursing and in elementary education programs on site.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College **Salisbury, N.C.**

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College is a comprehensive, community-based institution of higher learning, serving the citizens of Rowan and Cabarrus counties. Founded in 1963, RCCC offers approximately 40 programs of study in arts and sciences, business, health and human services, and engineering technologies at multiple campus locations.

RCCC annually provides more than 2,000 course offerings, serving an overall enrollment of approximately 20,000 adult students. RCCC programs include an associate in arts degree, an associate in science degree, an associate in applied science degree, and diploma and certificate programs focusing on workforce training, continuing education and basic skills education.

In addition, RCCC provides the education and job-training programs needed to meet many of the workforce demands of the North Carolina Research Campus, under development in Kannapolis.

RCC's North Campus is located in Salisbury, at the intersection of Jake Alexander Boulevard and I-85. RCCC's South Campus is located near Concord and Kannapolis at the junction of N.C. Highway 73, I-85 and Trinity Church Road. RCCC's Cabarrus Business & Technology Center is in Concord, on the Concord Parkway North. RCCC also serves its community through multiple centers in Rowan and Cabarrus counties.

In 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor honored RCCC as an outstanding workforce development provider. The national award recognized the college's efforts in retraining more than 1,900 displaced textile workers.

In response to a local economy transitioning quickly from a manufacturing base, RCCC established The R3 Center in 2007 to assist workers who are unemployed or under-employed. The center's mission is built on three Rs - a refocus on individual skills and interests, retraining and further education, and partnering with other workforce development agencies to secure career-oriented re-employment.

Sampson Community College

Clinton, N.C.

Sampson Community College (SCC) was established in 1965 as an extension of Wayne Community College. By an act of 1967 General Assembly, the college became an independent unit and was called “Sampson Technical Institute.”

As the institution grew, the need for a new campus with modern facilities was realized. A \$500,000 bond was approved by Sampson County voters in April 1972. A vocational storage building was occupied on the Highway 24 campus in July 1974, and the main building on this new campus, the North Building, was occupied in January 1976. A new vocational shop building, East Building, was occupied in the fall of 1977 allowing for the expansion of several vocational programs.

In 1979, through enabling legislation of the General Assembly, the Board of Trustees approved the school’s name change to “Sampson Technical College.” The college added additional facilities in 1982 with the construction of a 6,000 square foot vocational shop building on the main campus and the county’s provision of 8,000 square feet in the new Courthouse Annex for the Continuing Education Division. In August 1987, the college completed construction of the West Building, and began erecting the South Building.

In October 1987, the college changed its name to “Sampson Community College.” The Board of Trustees approved changing the name of West Building to W. W. Kitchin Hall on August 21, 1989, and South Building to the Robert D. Warren Student Center on June 10, 1997. In the fall of 1998, two new buildings, the Technology Center and the Activities Center, were occupied. The Occupational Building, constructed in 2005, houses Industrial and Agricultural trade programs to meet the changing demands of a global economy.

In recognition of the increasing globalization of all economic activity, the College seeks to develop student multi-cultural awareness through classroom instruction and enrichment programs available to the entire campus community.

Sandhills Community College

Pinehurst, N.C.

Sandhills Community College was the first comprehensive community college established under the Community College Act of 1963. It was chartered on December 9 of that year and began classes in 1965. Sandhills was the first comprehensive community college to offer a college transfer program. University Studies is still one of the most popular majors at the college.

Because of the large health care industry in Moore County, Sandhills offers

numerous health care career paths: emergency medical science, health and fitness science, medical laboratory technology, polysomnography, radiography, respiratory therapy, surgical technology, therapeutic massage, nursing, nursing assistant, practical nursing, medical office administration, and medical office coding.

The college offers several automotive technology programs, five programs in computer technologies, cosmetology, three engineering programs, a golf course management program, three hospitality and culinary arts programs, a program in landscape gardening, several management and business technology programs and four career paths in public services.

Sandhills is located in southern Moore County and is a popular retirement area. The region is noted for world-renown golf courses, a large medical industry, a thriving equestrian community, luxurious resorts and spas, unique pottery trails, and exceptional antiques. Upscale restaurants and high-end boutique shopping abound.

Sandhills Community College has 15 classroom and office buildings, situated on a long-leaf pine filled 180-acre campus in Pinehurst. Construction is underway on a new classroom building, Logan Hall, and an older building, Blue Hall, is scheduled for renovation. A new maintenance facility is also under construction. The college has a magnificent 35-acre horticulture garden, which is visited by thousands each year.

A gift of 10 acres from Mary and Wyatt Upchurch established the Sandhills Hoke Center in Raeford, N.C., which was dedicated on Oct. 2, 2001. It now contains three buildings and is home to the first two years of the SandHoke Early College High School.

South Piedmont Community College ***Polkton, N.C.***

With Monroe becoming known as a hotbed for aerospace manufacturing, South Piedmont Community College has stepped forward to provide training in this growing field. Monroe has the state's highest concentration of aerospace companies – 12 within a seven-mile radius, with 2,600 employees. In response, SPCC has added a certificate in Aerospace Manufacturing at its newest facility, the Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Training Center in Monroe.

The centerpiece of the new facility is the Flexible Manufacturing System, which was purchased with around \$400,000 of a \$575,000 grant awarded by the Golden LEAF Foundation. The 4,000-square-foot space contains more than \$1 million worth of training equipment, and SPCC is one of the few colleges in the state that can boast certain pieces of it. Mechatronics, SPCC's industrial maintenance program, is taught at the facility and plans are in the works to expand solar and wind technology.

The space, which opened in July 2010, was needed because extensive construction plans on the 96-acre Monroe campus have been put on hold.

SPCC, the newest college in the state system, was created in 1999 to serve Union

and Anson counties. The bill that chartered the new school also abolished Anson Community College. The new Board of Trustees took office on July 1, 1999, and hired Dr. Donald P. Altieri, formerly president of Anson Community College, to serve as its first president.

SPCC operates campuses in both counties. The L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton and the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe enroll about 2,800 college credit students in nearly 30 programs of study. An additional 6,500 students are served each semester through the Corporate and Continuing Education Division's Monroe and Wadesboro facilities.

On July 1, 2003, Dr. John R. McKay became SPCC's second president. In early June 2010, he announced plans to retire June 30, 2011

Southeastern Community College **Whiteville, N.C.**

In 1964, Southeastern Community College (SCC) set up offices in the Powell Building in Whiteville. The first curriculum classes were offered in September, 1965, in a temporary location at Chadbourn High School. The college moved to its present campus in 1967. Southeastern currently serves more than 24,000 students (duplicated headcount) annually through its college transfer, technical, vocational, continuing education and adult literacy programs.

Southeastern offers several unique programs and classes such as Agricultural Biotechnology (the first in the nation), Invasive Species (the first in the world), brand new programs in Broadcast Production Technology and Therapeutic Massage, and a Medication Aide Exam Preparation course (first in the North Carolina Community College System).

The college also provides customized training and other services for business and industry, as well as educational and community programming on local cable television channels and an annual performing arts series. Southeastern offers customized classes for potential correctional personnel with the North Department of Corrections and Farmers Adopting Computer Training (FACT) with the Cooperative Extension Service and North Carolina A&T University.

The college has successfully instituted a volunteer, campus-wide recycling program and encourages wellness through participation in annual county-wide and campus-wide-initiatives. The campus is located in Columbus County at 4564 Chadbourn Highway between Whiteville and Chadbourn in southeastern North Carolina about 50 miles from the Carolina coast. The 100-acre campus now has 17 buildings, including the latest building, the Cartrette Technology Building, which was opened in time for the fall 2008 semester. A challenge course, firing range, and baseball fields augment the classrooms and offices. SCC's 50,300-volume library is available to the community

as well as to the institution's students, faculty and staff.

Columbus, a rural agricultural county, covers an area of 938 square miles and has a population of 51,037. The area is noted for its tobacco and strawberry production, garment fabrication, food processing, chemical manufacturing, wood and wood products and yarn and textile manufacturing.

Southwestern Community College **Sylva, N.C.**

Southwestern Community College was established in Sylva in 1964 as the Jackson County Industrial Education Center when a class of masonry students constructed its vocational building. The college has grown from a single building with four curriculum courses to modern campuses serving a three-county region, including the Qualla Boundary. Today, Southwestern offers more than 74 curriculum programs, with more than 20 of them online.

Since Washington Monthly began its ranking of community colleges, Southwestern has earned a position as a Top 10 USA Community College.

Recently, Southwestern built a new campus in Macon County, created the Oconaluftee Institute for Cultural Arts in Cherokee and initiated Early Colleges on the Jackson and Macon campuses. The college experienced several "firsts" including opening a Job Career Readiness Center, offering an Associate of Applied Science degree in Entrepreneurship, expanding its unique outdoor leadership program, adding an honors program, launching a Plus50 Program and graduating its first class of Gaming Management Technology students. Southwestern continues to train law enforcement officials in the westernmost counties and is one of only a dozen colleges offering law enforcement training for National Park Service Rangers.

Known as the College of the Great Smoky Mountains, Southwestern's main campus is in Sylva, located 50 miles southwest of Asheville. With a service area that covers 1,534 square miles (30 percent larger than Rhode Island) and a population base of just over 78,000, the college faces the challenge of providing area residents with educational and training opportunities comparable to those available in much larger metropolitan areas.

One of the ways Southwestern meets this challenge is through BalsamWest FiberNET, a state-of-the art high-speed fiber optic network. Southwestern initiated a partnership with the Eastern Band of Cherokee and Drake Enterprises to make high-speed affordable Internet access a reality in the mountain region. While Southwestern focuses on providing educational opportunities to students, the college has always believed it has a broader responsibility to help enrich the lives of people in the community.

Stanly Community College ***Albemarle, N.C.***

Chartered in 1971, Stanly Community College (SCC) opened in temporary headquarters on the old South Albemarle High School campus. Eight instructors taught classes in business, vocational and industrial trades. The school grew from 31 students to almost 400 and discussions began about the possible construction of a new campus.

New campus construction began in 1974 and in 1975, the Administration Building (now the Patterson Building) and the Vocational Shop Building were completed. The latter structure was renamed the Webb Student Center in honor of Dr. H.T. Webb, a long-time college trustee.

The Kelley Building, named for Annie Ruth Kelley, first chair of the college's board of trustees, opened in 1981. The college purchased the Industrial Training Center in 1981, which is now known as the Continuing Education Center.

In 1987, the Eddins building was built to house an extensive list of allied health programs. This structure was named in honor of Dr. George E. Eddins, Jr.. Completed in early 1996, the Snyder building houses the SCC library and is named in honor of Edward J. Snyder, Jr.

The newest building on campus was finished in 1999 and named the Whitley Technology Center in honor of Elbert L. Whitney, Jr., long-time trustee chairman of SCC. This facility is home to state-of-the-art computer labs that offer the latest in technology programs.

In September 2003, the Crutchfield Education Center opened in Locust, NC. This facility was named for Edward E. Crutchfield, a Stanly County native. This mini-college is complete with office space, laboratories, a media/resource center and a conference room.

Today, the college represents a \$13 million investment by the citizens of Stanly County. SCC serves over 10,000 students annually in many types of programs. Since its inception, Stanly Community College has served approximately 250,000 students.

Surry Community College ***Dobson, N.C.***

Surry Community College (SCC) was one of the earliest members of the North Carolina Community College System, receiving its charter in January, 1964. Classes met for two years in rented and borrowed facilities. Funds to purchase land for a campus and to construct the first buildings came from a \$500,000 bond referendum

and four-cent tax authorization approved by Surry County voters in March, 1964. The new campus opened in the spring of 1967. Programs offered were college parallel, business, secretarial, drafting, agriculture, electronics, adult basic education and high school completion with a variety of non-credit classes.

SCC currently offers 30 degree, 16 diploma and 23 certificate programs and a myriad of Corporate and Continuing Education offerings. The student body is composed of 3,500 curriculum and 18,000 corporate and continuing education students with diverse needs.

SCC serves Surry and Yadkin counties with a service area population of 110,000. The area is noted for its agricultural heritage, traditional music and scenic beauty in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Visitors enjoy Mount Airy (Mayberry) the childhood home of Andy Griffith, the Yadkin Valley Wine Region, Horne Creek Farm, a state historic site depicting turn-of-the-century life, Pilot Mountain State Park and the world's largest open faced granite quarry. Industry has transitioned from textiles, furniture and tobacco to advanced manufacturing.

The 150 acre college campus has grown to serve the student body and community. The newest addition to the campus will be the Shelton-Badgett North Carolina Center for Viticulture and Enology scheduled to open in the fall of 2010 to support the state's emerging wine industry. Supported by a 2009 Golden LEAF Foundation Grant, Surry expanded educational opportunities in Pilot Mountain by establishing The Pilot Center and will open an Elkin Center for the 2010-11 school year.

Tri-County Community College **Murphy, N.C.**

Tri-County Community College (TCCC) serves students in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties in the westernmost tip of North Carolina by providing college transfer, vocational, technical, and adult education programs.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, TCCC offers many technical and vocational programs to study, in addition to a college transfer option. The continuing education division offers hundreds of courses each year in allied health, fire and rescue, occupational and industrial training, small business training, literacy programs and community service courses.

Today, TCCC serves approximately 1,200 curriculum students and thousands more continuing education students each year on two campuses and at facilities throughout the service area. The college continues to add new classes and programs to meet the needs of the community. Recent additions include popular astronomy classes, expanded pre-majors for college transfer students, animal-assisted interactions, and computer-integrated machining.

The main campus in Cherokee County houses the majority of TCCC's classes

and includes classrooms, science labs, a 25,000-volume library, and computer labs, as well as dedicated spaces for automotive, welding, cosmetology, nursing and more. The campus also features a bookstore, a childcare center, a fire and rescue training center, and the Tri-County Early College High School.

The Graham County Center in Robbinsville opened in 1998 after funds from the Statewide Bond Referendum were used to renovate, modernize, and equip two buildings. As an extension campus of TCCC, the Graham County Center offers a variety of curriculum and continuing education courses to meet the educational needs of residents.

Tri-County Community College's Cherokee County Center for Applied Technology (CAT Building) is operated in conjunction with Cherokee County and several industry partners and is a facility used for classes, short-run manufacturing, and space to develop prototypes.

TCCC's long-range plan is to expand classroom space and add facilities that will more than double the college's current space from the existing 135,989 square feet to 288,268 square feet.

Vance-Granville Community College ***Henderson, N.C.***

Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC) was established by the North Carolina General Assembly as Vance County Technical Institute in 1969 and offered technical, vocational and continuing education courses in a renovated hospital building in downtown Henderson. In 1972, Vance and Granville counties combined their resources to support a \$2 million bond referendum to construct a single institution for the education of their citizens. The ultimate result was the 1976 opening of the new Vance-Granville Community College campus on an 83-acre tract in Vance County, between Henderson and Oxford alongside Interstate 85.

With this location still serving as its main campus, VGCC has experienced significant progress in its physical facilities and student enrollment over the years. The college's area was expanded in 1978 to serve not only Vance and Granville, but also Franklin and Warren counties. Today, the main campus, with a lake and picturesque landscaping, boasts nine permanent buildings, including a civic center. Vance-Granville also operates three other campuses: South Campus (established in 1982), located between Butner and Creedmoor in Granville County; Warren County Campus (established in 1988) in Warrenton; and Franklin County Campus (established in 1991) west of Louisburg.

In 2000, North Carolina voters passed a Higher Education Facilities bond referendum, from which VGCC received \$17.1 million. Over the next seven years, these funds were used for construction and renovations on all four campuses. Finally,

bond funds were used in 2010 to purchase approximately 21 acres of land near the college's main campus, which is set to become a new "Corporate Campus," housing business and industry training programs.

During 2009-2010, the College served more than 16,000 students, holding classes at more than 140 locations in its four-county service area and online. VGCC also operates four Early College high schools in partnership with local public school systems.

Wake Technical Community College ***Raleigh, N.C.***

Wake Technical Community College was chartered in 1958 as the Wake County Industrial Education Center. It began operation at its present location in 1963, with 34 full-time students and 270 others enrolled in industrial training programs. The Center grew into a technical institute, and in 1987 was named Wake Technical Community College to better reflect the college-level instruction offered.

Today, Wake Tech serves about 63,000 students; more than 22,000 are enrolled in curriculum programs, while more than 40,000 take continuing education courses for career enhancement or personal enrichment.

Wake Tech offers education and training at four campuses and four training centers, as well as at dozens of community sites across Wake County. At the Main Campus, situated in Wake County eight miles south of Raleigh, the focus is on curriculum programs, including University Transfer, Business Technologies, Computers and Engineering, and Applied Technologies.

Wake Tech's Health Sciences Campus is adjacent to Wake Med, on Holston Lane in Raleigh. Health sciences programs include both classroom instruction and clinical experience. Wake Tech opened its Western Wake Campus at Millpond Village in Cary in 2004. Western Wake serves more than 4,000 people each year, many of whom are involved in corporate workforce training through the Wake Tech Business and Industry Center. Wake Tech's Northern Wake Campus on Louisburg Road (401 North) opened in 2007 and currently serves about 3,500 students, mostly in the University Transfer program.

Wake Tech's Public Safety Training Center at 321 Chapanoke Road in Raleigh opened in 2008 as the first centralized facility in Wake County offering training for law enforcement, corrections, fire services, and EMS. Wake Tech also provides an Adult Education Center that houses basic skills programs such as English as a Second Language, GED, and the Adult High School diploma program. The State Personnel Development Center in Raleigh is dedicated to serving the training needs of state government employees.

Wayne Community College **Goldsboro, N.C.**

Just over 50 years ago, Wayne Community College (then the Goldsboro Industrial Education Center) served a few dozen students learning trades in classrooms at Goldsboro High School. Today, nearly 14,000 students are enrolled in more than 75 college credit programs and hundreds of continuing education and basic skills courses. They are taught with state-of-the-art equipment in modern facilities on a 175-acre campus in Goldsboro and other locations around Wayne County, on Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, and online.

While watchmaking has gone by the wayside, some of the original programs like welding and electronics remain and lead to lucrative, rewarding careers. Other programs, such as allied health, animal science, early childhood education, accounting, office systems technology, law enforcement training, automotive systems, and machining, to name a few, train those who keep the community running.

Staying in step with current trends, recent program additions include Emergency Preparedness Technology, Simulation and Game Development, and Information Systems Security. The way classes are offered has also changed to suit today's students, with entire programs offered online and in hybrid Web/classroom combinations.

One innovative program housed at WCC is the East Carolina University Wachovia Partnership East South Central Consortium that allows students to complete a teaching degree without going to Greenville. Another is the Wayne Early/Middle College High School, whose students work simultaneously toward their high school diplomas and associate degrees.

The college also is home to WORKS (Wayne Occupational Readiness Keys for Success), an economic development initiative that focuses on career readiness credentials and employability skills training.

Through all the growth and change, affordable tuition, generous financial assistance, outstanding faculty and staff, small classes, diverse student body, a nurturing environment, and opportunities for personal growth through social, cultural and recreational offerings have continued to be Wayne Community College's hallmarks.

Western Piedmont Community College **Morganton, N.C.**

With an appreciation for local culture, a dedication to traditional curriculum and an aim to offer leading-edge education, Western Piedmont Community College enrolls more than 4,000 curriculum students and about 11,000 students in continuing education courses each year. One of every five Burke County adults enrolls in at least

one class at the College annually. More than 8-percent of the College's curriculum students are county residents while 10-percent commute from neighboring counties.

Among the more than 110 certificate, diploma and degree programs available at Western Piedmont, you will find unique educational opportunities in programs like Professional Crafts: Pottery, Wood and Sculpture; Simulation and Game Development; Digital Effects and Animation, and Sustainable Agriculture.

Western Piedmont's crowning accomplishment for the last year was its designation for Exceptional Institutional Performance, topping the chart for the seventh time in nine years. Western Piedmont was one of only 12 NC community colleges to achieve Exceptional Institutional Performance by surpassing all eight of the performance measures.

Set on 350 acres of green rolling hills, the main campus and the Jim A. Richardson campus are two of Western Piedmont's locations in Morganton. The Jim A. Richardson campus offers a wide range of adult developmental education. Western Piedmont's third and most recent campus location is the Foothills Higher Education Center (FHEC), which provides increased educational access for western North Carolina students. The FHEC is occupied by the College's Division of Continuing Education as well as offices with representatives from Appalachian State University, Lees-McRae College, and Western Carolina University. Programs are available at the FHEC and online to enable local residents to complete bachelors and masters degrees. In addition, FHEC is deeply committed to partnering with local business and industry to provide employee training to help enhance the Burke County economy and the lives of area residents.

Wilkes Community College **Wilkesboro, N.C.**

Established in 1965, Wilkes Community College (WCC) offers services to the citizens of Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany counties. The college provides opportunities for higher education throughout northwest North Carolina in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. WCC aspires to be an effective learner-centered educational institution preparing learners for success in a rapidly changing world. In addition to its academic programs, WCC enhances the quality of life through economic development services to business and industry, both private and public, and through community development, including cultural and recreational opportunities.

The Wilkes campus is located in Wilkesboro on a wooded, beautifully-landscaped, 150-acre site just off U.S. 421 and N.C. 268 West. The WCC Ashe Campus is located in West Jefferson and the WCC Alleghany Center is located in Sparta. All totaled, the college offers 289,066 square feet of classrooms, laboratories, shops and offices. Included on the Wilkes campus is the 1,131-seat John A. Walker Community Center.

The center provides a wide variety of cultural and entertainment performances throughout the year. WCC also hosts the annual MerleFest, a music festival celebrating “traditional plus” music and honoring the memory of Eddy Merle Watson and the contribution of the Watson Family.

Wilkes Community College currently offers 29 distinct associate degrees (2-year) and three distinct diploma (1-year) programs. Multiple other diploma and certificate (1-semester) programs are offered as part of the degree programs.

Wilson Community College

Wilson, N.C.

Established in 1958 as Wilson Industrial Education Center, Wilson Community College (WCC) is one of the system’s oldest institutions. The first classes were held in 1958 in an annex at the local high school and moved later that year to the present location on N.C. Highway 42 East in Wilson.

Through the years, Wilson Community College has grown and currently has 15 buildings with 209,000 square feet, which houses 48 classrooms and 38 labs on the 31-acre main campus. Wilson Community College also has satellite locations for the Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center, the fire training grounds and two heavy equipment training sites. The estimated value of the buildings is more than \$29 million. The library houses 34,000 volumes, 200 magazines and periodicals, and 3,500 audiovisual items.

Wilson Community College offers associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in 35 different areas. It is the only school in the state to offer heavy equipment operator training and students come from all over the East Coast for this program. The service area for the college is Wilson County. The college currently serves over 10,000 students annually – over 20-percent of the people in the service area.