

BE OUR GUESTS



Two North Carolina Community College System administrators stopped in to talk and tour. **Vice President of Economic Development Bruce Mack** spoke with members of the Wayne Business and Industry Center and Dr. Pfeiffer (above), and **Vice President of Academics Levy Brown** (left) met with Vice President of Academic and Student Services Brandon Jenkins. Both men were able to see many of WCC's points of pride and learn about how the system can better assist the college.

WCC's English Language Acquisition program hosted a group of students, parents, and personnel from **Wayne County Public Schools' Migrant Education Program**.



Goldsboro **City Manager Tim Salmon** and **Assistant City Manager Matthew Livingston** chatted with college administrators about how the two entities could partner. When the conversation turned to short-term training needs, Workforce Continuing Education's Lisa Newkirk and Renita Allen Dawson proposed solutions.



In August, **Donald Robbins**, a former WCC director of vocational and technical education and associate dean of instruction, visited the college's aviation facilities for the first time since 1974. He had helped found what is now the Aviation Systems Technology program, even flying a newly acquired plane to the college's hangar.

Robbins recollected, reminisced, and marveled at the changes while touring at the Wayne Executive Jetport and the main campus. "I had no earthly idea that this would be so magnificent," he said. "I wish I was 21 again so I could come back here and enroll."

COLLEGE KUDOS

■ NC3 (National Coalition of Certification Centers), a global network of corporations and career and technical education providers, has chosen WCC to host its 49th **Train the Trainer event**. The hands-on professional development opportunities for community/technical college and high school instructors attract participants from across the country. It will be held Oct. 24-28.



■ The U.S. Department of Labor has selected Wayne Community College to be a member of its first cohort of **Apprenticeship Ambassadors**.

dors. The college is one of 207 officials and organizations from across the country that will share their experiences and collaborate with the department to champion apprenticeship opportunities.



■ WCC's Artificial Intelligence Engineer program has been ranked the **Top Online Artificial Intelligence Program** in the nation by Online Schools Guide. The program beat out bachelor's and master's degree programs in a comparison based on cost and reputation.

■ WCC will help Wayne County's latest industry, **SunTree Snack Foods LLC**, fill 94 jobs in the company's new manu-

facturing facility. A budget of up to \$112,200 has been allocated to assist the company by providing customized training.



■ WCC has added **two cohorts of apprentices** so far this fall. A new cohort of 11 Smithfield Foods maintenance apprentices kicked off in August and three - one each from Butterball, Coker Feed Mill, and Wayne County Government - started in the Wayne County Consortium for Maintenance Technician Apprentices in September.



PROUD of OUR PEOPLE

■ Academic Skills Center Director **Brandy Daingerfield** has been selected to present sessions on “Exploring Service-Learning and Tutoring” and “Planting Seeds of Growth” at the National Tutoring Association Annual Virtual Conference in October:



■ Industrial Systems Technology/Mechatronics Instructor **Bobby McArthur** received NC3 Industry 4.0 Certified Associate Certification, only the fourth instructor in the entire



■ WCC presented its 19th set of “Distinguished Chair” awards to Engineering and Manufacturing Instructor **Steven Reese** and English Instructor **Deniz Tuck** (shown with Foundation of WCC Executive Director Adrienne Northington). Each received a trophy and a monetary prize to use for travel or professional development. The awards, made possible by an annual gift to the Foundation by an anonymous donor, recognize outstanding full-time curriculum faculty members who have distinguished themselves at the college and in the community.

network to earn this certification. He is the first educator in this state to receive it, making WCC the first school to be able to offer it to students.

■ Trustee **Veda McNair** served on a panel on “Chang-

ing Dynamics and Roles of Community College Leaders” at the NC Association of Community Colleges Leadership Seminar.

■ **Amber Tyler** is the new director of admissions and records for Workforce Continuing Education. **Stefanie Cox** has moved into the executive assistant position Mrs. Tyler vacated and will serve the president, the vice president of operations, the vice president of academic and student services, and the board of trustees.

STUDENT STANDOUTS



■ Honors Student **Chantel Chestnutt** was selected to present at the NC Honors Association Conference. She will speak on her Leadership Development class service project in which she and her Lead2Feed team renovated and restocked blessing boxes in Goldsboro.

Graduate **Maribel Gonzalez** was awarded a scholarship from Walgreens and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society that pays for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam.

Current Forest Management student **Michael Webb** and WCC graduate/North Carolina State University student **Jake Moore** have been presented 2022 Forest Education and Conservation Scholarships by the NC Forestry Association.

WCC graduate **Ginger Moore** was promoted from the Wayne County's human resources director to its assistant county manager. She joins fellow WCC alumnus County Manager **Chip Crumpler** at the county's helm.



■ The “Best of the Boot 2022,” a publication of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and New Old North Media, feted several WCC employees. President **Patty Pfeiffer** was featured in the “Who Wayne’s Watching” section along with dual-enrolled student **Guillermo Estrada**. WCC graduate **Isaac Carreno** and Wayne Business and Industry Center Executive Director **Craig Foucht** were counted in the “10 More Rising Stars.” The “Best Professor - Wayne Community College” went to former Communications Instructor **Andrea Freile** with second place going to Academic Foundations Instructor **Julie Faucette**, third to Medical and Office Administration Instructor **Haleigh Wilhide**, and honorable mention to Business Applications Instructor **Jennifer Tyndall**. The **WCC Child Care Center** earned second place in the “Best Daycare” category.

ON THE DOCKET

Arts and Humanities Lectures - 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Oct. 24. Details at waynecc.edu/foundation.

WCC at Wayne County Agricultural Fair - Sept. 29-Oct. 8

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

Retirees Brunch - 10 a.m., Oct. 12 ■ WLC 161

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

Etiquette Dinner - 5:50 p.m., Oct. 24 ■ WLC 161

Fall Fest - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 27 ■ Graduation Field

First Responders Memorial - 9 a.m., Oct. 28 ■ Location TBA

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

Golden Bison Chat & Chew - 12:30-2:30, Nov. 8 ■ Cafeteria

Veterans Day Ceremony - 10 a.m., Nov. 10 ■ Veterans of All Wars Memorial

Career Closet Grand Opening - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m., Nov. 16 ■ Student Lounge

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

Student Artwork on Display - Nov. 28-Dec. 7 ■ WLC Atrium

Winter Fine Arts Festival - Art and Entertainment: 6 p.m., Concert 7 p.m., Dec. 1 ■ WLC Atrium and Moffatt Auditorium

Holiday Assembly and Lunch for Employees - Dec. 7 or 8

Bison Community Concert Band Concert - 7 p.m., Dec. 8 ■ Moffatt Auditorium

WCE Allied Health Pinning Ceremony - 10 a.m., Dec. 13 ■ Moffatt Auditorium

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