

# WAYNE ACCLAIM

■ The National Association for the Education of Young Children's Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs has renewed the **Early Childhood Education** program's accreditation.



■ **WCC** has been named one of the "Top 70 Online Colleges" and "Best for

Certificate Programs" in the nation by Intelligent.com. The college was also listed as "Best for Risk Management" in North Carolina.

■ The presidential challenge coin designed by the **Office of Communications** is a finalist for a National Council for Marketing and Public Relations Paragon Award in the novelty category. Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Community Colleges of Spokane are the other finalists in the same category. The recipients of the gold, silver and bronze awards will be announced at NCMPR's national conference in March.

## On the Docket

**NCCCS Strategic Plan Listening Session: Region 5/Southeast Region Prosperity Zone** - 10 a.m.-Noon, Feb. 1 ▪ Onslow County Government Complex

**Virtual Strategic Plan Listening Session** - 10 a.m.-Noon, Feb. 2

**Bellwether Finalist Presentation and Award Ceremony** - Feb. 28 and March 1 ▪ San Antonio, TX

**Foundation Arts and Humanities lectures** - 5:30 p.m., Mondays, March 14-April 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

**Student Recognition Ceremony** - 6 p.m., April 12 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

**Truck Driver Training Graduation** - 6 p.m., April 21 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

**Pharmacy Tech Pinning Ceremony** - 6 p.m., May 4 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

**Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony** - 6 p.m., May 9 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

**Curriculum Graduation Ceremonies** - Times TBA, May 10

**AHS/HSE Graduation** - Time TBA, May 11



**Employees of the Year for 2021** are Grounds Maintenance Technician **Don Hasse** - Operational and Maintenance category, Academic Skills Center Coordinator **Mike Bloom** - Professional Staff, and Child Care Center Teacher **Melissa Peacock** - Professional Support Staff.

President Patty Pfeiffer presented the 2021 Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award to Medical and Office Administration Instructor **Lisa Pickard**.



## Caps and Gowns, Pins, or Certificates - Congrats, Grads!

■ Seventy-nine curriculum graduates participated in the Dec. 15 **Turn the Tassel** walk-through celebration. Almost 400 individuals who earned more than 560 total credentials (degrees, diplomas, and certificates) were eligible to participate. Among them were 84 students who graduated with honors and 10 who finished with a 4.0 GPA.

■ The college graduated six cadets in its 79th **Basic Law Enforcement Training** class. During the Dec. 9 ceremony, Public Safety Division Dean Beverly Deans, who was retiring days later, was acknowledged for her nearly four decades with the program.

■ WCC acknowledged nine students from its **Truck Driver Training**

program on Dec. 16. It was the college's sixth class of commercial truck drivers. The spring class is full.

■ WCC recognized 21 **Nurse Aide** graduates and 18 **Phlebotomy** graduates on Dec. 22. The ceremony was dedicated to Shirley Ann Pigford, a nurse aide instructor who died during the fall semester after a short battle with COVID-19.

■ In a National Apprenticeship Week ceremony at NC Manufacturing Inc., the company's **machinist apprentices** were honored for completing their apprenticeships and moving to journeyman status. Company Founder Ray Mayo was remembered for his advocacy for the trades and apprenticeships and Wayne Business and Industry Center Executive Director Craig Foucht shared that the Wayne County Board of Commissioners has established a scholarship in Mayo's name for apprentices studying at WCC.

*A portrait of Ray Mayo sits on a table with certificates to be presented to graduating apprentices. ►*

*NC Manufacturing President Steve Mayo and owner Janice Mayo congratulate new journeymen Paul Benton, Cody Corbett, and Michael Hand (center left to right). ▼*





## STUDENT SUCCESS

■ The Upsilon Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, inducted **67 new members**. Phi Theta Kappa members represent the top 10 percent of students enrolled in two-year schools. To be invited into the society, WCC students must show academic achievement with a

minimum grade point average of 3.5 and have completed at least 16 hours of associate degree course work.

■ Four WCC students were selected to present at this year's **North Carolina Honors Association Conference**. Janae Artis-Bass, Isaac Carreno, Guillermo Estrada, and Nicole Page were the only community college students invited to make oral

presentations. All talked about projects they had completed during WCC Honors Program courses.



■ Kaela Coles became the first graduate of WCC's **Scholars of Global Distinction** program by completing "globally intensive" courses, participating in international activities and dialogues, gaining global experiences, and completing a capstone presentation. In 2020, the college joined the North Carolina Scholar of Global Distinction Program which is a partnership between community colleges and World View, a public service program at UNC-CH.

## SETTING AN EXAMPLE



Dr. Patty Pfeiffer is the recipient of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce's 2021 **W.I.S.E. (Women Inspiring Success and Empowerment) Award**. She was presented the award at the Chamber's Annual Banquet by Shelby Benton, the award's inaugural winner.

## CARRYING ON THE COLLEGE'S TRADITION OF CARING

■ The **Associate Degree Nursing Class of 2022** collected nearly 160 children's books and flash card sets and donated them to sites at which they practice skills: the college's child care center and WAGES Head Start. The contribution fit with their fall courses in maternal and pediatric nursing.

■ The **Pharmacy Technology class of 2022** collected soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, razors, lotion, deodorant, brushes, combs and other items then assembled them into 45 hygiene kits for the Community Soup Kitchen. The college's painting class also contributed eight "blessing bags" that included hygiene items and extras like socks and candy.

■ The **Upsilon Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa** Honor Society donated \$250 to Tommy's Foundation to assist with its work with those struggling with homelessness and addiction. The organization's founder, Kellie Floars, is a WCC alumna.



◀ *ELA Student Gisela Zavala talks about her native country of El Salvador.*

■ Nearly four dozen **English Language Acquisition (ELA) students** contributed essays about holiday traditions in 16 foreign countries and the United States of America to create a **Christmas Around the World** book. Four program teachers and staff members also wrote pieces. Three of the students, Dorita Escalante, a native of Guatemala; Karen Carcamo, a native of Honduras; and Gisela Zavala, a native of El Salvador; along with ELA Coordinator Maria Abalo-Zarate, a native of Argentina, spoke to a Meadow Lane Elementary School class and gave the students copies of the book.



◀ *A Meadow Lane Elementary School student dives into her new **Christmas Around the World** book.*