

COLLEGE KUDOS

■ The team of WCC and Smithfield Foods is one of five finalists for an **American Association of Community Colleges Award of Excellence in the Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership category**. The winner will be announced at a dinner on April 3, during the association's annual conference.

■ In one of his last acts in office, former Congressman G.K. Butterfield secured **\$651,000 in the Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Package** for WCC to expand its existing apprenticeship programs and develop new ones. The funds will go toward tuition and fees and equipment for use in Nursing, Industrial Systems Technology, Operations Management, and other programs.

■ WCC employees contributed \$4,500 to **United Way of Wayne County's 2022 annual campaign**. Those funds will impact 89 lives.

■ WCC Apprenticeship Coordinator Kristie Sauls and Apprentice Dwayne Jones were interviewed for an "Apprenticeships in North Carolina" edition of **Spectrum News In Focus**. [Click here to watch the show.](#)

■ WCC has been invited to send a team to the first convening of **Avanza: NC Community Colleges Advancing Latino Student Success**, an annual gathering to provide greater alignment and collaboration to support Latino students across the state. The Hunt Institute, LatinxEd, and the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research, supported by the John M. Belk Endowment, created the event which will be held on March 27. Representing WCC will be President Patty Pfeiffer, Vice President of Academic and Student Services Brandon Jenkins, Financial Aid and Veteran Services Director Katrina Lee, Foreign Language Instructor Bethanie Lister, and English Language Acquisition Coordinator Maria Abalo-Zarate.

■ WCC's Academic Foundations Department Chair, Dr. Tammy Bishop, and Dr. Patrick Saxon, the Director of the Doctoral Program for Developmental Education Administration at Sam Houston State University and the external evaluator for WCC's Title 3 project, will present on "The



CELEBRATING NEW, PREPARING FOR NEXT



On January 19, WCC held a breakfast meeting to share its legislative priorities, including increased investment in students and capacity building. Members of Wayne County's General Assembly delegation, County Commissioners, and College Trustees heard from local employers about how essential the college's graduates to their businesses. Medical Laboratory, Nurse Aide, and Emergency Medical students shared their gratitude for how WCC has helped them achieve their academic and career goals and for the newly renovated space in the Magnolia Building that they began learning in this semester. The morning concluded with students and faculty participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the Magnolia Building renovations.

Evolution and Early Successes of the Wayne Community College Coaching, Advising, and Planning for Success Project" at the **Association for the Coaching and Tutoring Profession Conference** in March.

■ Prints of WCC student art are in demand. The law firm of **Haithcock, Barfield, Hulse and King** had an exhibition installed in its lobby and allocated an annual \$800 contribution to the Foundation of WCC's Fine Arts Fund in return. The **Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research** at NC State University requested 12 additional prints for its new building. **Rep. John Bell, IV** asked that the art currently displayed in his General Assembly office be refreshed and he committed to featuring only WCC artwork this semester.

■ The Wayne County Reentry Council, of which WCC is a member, is one of five nominees for **Our Journey's 2023 Reentry Warrior Award for Local Government Programs**. The winner will be announced in February.

■ The 2023 rankings are coming in. So far they are:

CollegeEvaluator.com - #1 in its Top 10 Community Colleges in North Carolina ranking;

Niche - #3 in the Best Community Colleges in North Carolina ranking and #50 out of 906 in its Best Community Colleges in America ranking;

Intelligent.com - #3 in its Best Community Colleges in North Carolina ranking and "Most Customizable" with an "Intelligent Score" of 98.77;

UniversityHQ - #3 in its Best Online Associate and Community College Programs in North Carolina ranking; and

MatchCollege - #8 in its Best Community Colleges in North Carolina ranking.

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PROUD of OUR PEOPLE

■ **Dr. Brian Duffy**, a Chemistry Instructor, assisted with a National Science Teaching Association blog post on service animals in a science laboratory. [Click here to read the post.](#)



■ The Wayne Business and Industry Center has hired **Esteban Guzman** as the new Director of the

Small Business Center. A Foreign Legal Consultant for Mexico in North Carolina, he has more than 20 years of legal experience and expertise in assisting businesses with expanding into Mexico. His goal is to help diverse community members create or expand businesses.

■ President **Patty Pfeiffer** has been invited to participate in the 2023 Higher Education Research and Development Institute South. She has been asked to serve on an interactive panel with other

college presidents and representatives of companies

that have products that may benefit educators.



■ WCC's 2022 Employee of the Year Award winners (flanked by Foundation of WCC Executive Director Adrienne Northington and President Pfeiffer) are Housekeeping Supervisor **Tammy Holland** - Operations and Maintenance category, Dental Instructor **Rhonda Price** - Adjunct Instructor category, and Distance Education Specialist **Julie Marciel-Rozzi** - Professional category. Administrative Assistant **Beth Street** (not pictured) received the award in the Professional Support Staff category.

STUDENT STANDOUTS



■ **Joshua Viernes** and **Alex Calderon** completed their Scholars of Global Distinction capstone projects in December to earn their certificates and Global Scholars stoles.



■ Forest Management student **Bryan Ekberg** was inducted into the North American Forest Technician Honor Society. He was presented a \$150 award from the Council of Eastern

Forest Technician Schools for having one of the two highest grade point averages of this year's inductees.

■ December 2022 ceremonies marked nine cadets' completion of the college's 81st **Basic Law Enforcement Training** Academy and 17 students' graduation from **Truck Driver Training**. Twenty-five students received their **Nurse Aide** pins and 17 earned their **Phlebotomy** pins.

ON THE DOCKET

SKYWARN Weather Spotter Training - 1-2:30 p.m., Feb. 8
■ Walnut 101

Mexican Consulate on Wheels – Feb. 21-Feb. 24
■ Walnut 104 (by appointment)

Foundation Arts and Humanities (A&H) Lecture "The Showboat: The USS North Carolina" - 5:30 p.m., March 13
■ Moffatt Auditorium

Foundation of WCC Scholarship Reception (Donors and Recipients) - 6 p.m., March 14
■ WLC Atrium

A&H Lecture "Whirligig Wonder" (Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park) - 5:30 p.m., March 20
■ Moffatt Auditorium

Operation Medicine Drop at WCC - 12:30-3:30 p.m., March 21
■ WLC 161

A&H Lecture "The Vice Presidency: From John to Kamala with a Few Stops in Between" - 5:30 p.m., March 27
■ Moffatt Auditorium

A&H Lecture "Photography and Freedom: The Enduring Legacy of Civil Rights Photographs in the American South 1960-1970" - 5:00 p.m., April 2
■ Moffatt Auditorium

A&H Lecture "Edible North Carolina: A Journey Across a State of Flavor" - Noon, April 3
■ Walnut 101

Cultural Festival - 10 a.m.-1 p.m., April 6
■ 1st Floor WLC

Foundation A&H Trip "A Trek to Wilson's Whirligig Park" - April 12
■ registration required

Student Recognition Ceremony - 6 p.m., April 18
■ Moffatt Auditorium

"A Global Experience Honoring Your World" Honors and Global Scholars Showcase - 6-8 p.m., April 20
■ 1st Floor WLC

"The Art of Science": WCC's NC Science Festival event, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., April 22
■ 1st Floor WLC

Etiquette Dinner - 5:30 p.m., April 24
■ Bison Bistro

Student Artwork on Display - April 24-28
■ WLC Atrium

Spring Fine Arts Festival - April 27: **Art** in WLC Atrium at 6 p.m. and **Bison Community Concert Band Concert** at 7 p.m. in Moffatt Auditorium

Apprenticeship Ceremony (presentation of stoles and Journeyman Certificates) - 6 p.m., May 8
■ Moffatt Auditorium

Pharmacy Technology, Medical Laboratory, and

Medical Assisting Pinning Ceremony - 6 p.m., May 9
■ Moffatt Auditorium

Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony - 7 p.m., May 10
■ Moffatt Auditorium

Adult High School/High School Equivalency - Afternoon Time TBA., May 11
■ Moffatt Auditorium

Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony - 7 p.m., May 11
■ Moffatt Auditorium

Curriculum Graduation - Times TBA, May 12
■ Maxwell Center

Foundation of WCC Invitational Dinner and Auction - 6 p.m., June 6
■ Walnut Creek Country Club

Foundation of WCC Invitational Tournament - 8 a.m., June 7
■ Walnut Creek Country Club