

COLLEGE KUDOS

- WCC hosted its largest NC3 (National Coalition of Certification Centers) **Train-the-Trainer event** in October. More than 150 instructors trained for 21 different classes.
- The college's newly renovated cafeteria is now the **"Bison Bistro."** The moniker, the product of a naming contest, was revealed during an Oct. 17 ribbon-cutting ceremony. A \$100 prize was awarded to Wayne County Public Schools teacher Edward Coggins. [Operating hours, menu, and specials](#) are posted on the WCC website.
- During a National Apprenticeship Week event, the college announced growth in its program. Next semester, four new partners in four new fields will join the 10 businesses that currently have 48 apprentices studying industrial maintenance, swine management, and machining at WCC. The new **Apprenticeship Wayne** partners and their programs are UNC Health Wayne - Sterilization Technicians, Wayne County Public Schools - Teacher Education, Jackson and Sons - Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technicians, and Deacon Jones Automotive Group - Automotive Technicians.

Portraits of Leadership

Dr. Patricia A. Pfeiffer was installed as WCC's seventh president (ninth executive) on Oct. 6. Her rise to the college's top office caps a career that began in 1994 when she joined the faculty as a nursing instructor.



*The Foundation of Wayne Community College was thrilled to have **Jim and Carolyn Hunt**, the State's former governor and first lady, as guests for an Arts and Humanities lecture. The Oct. 17 talk by Phil Baddour was titled "Jim Hunt, North Carolina's Dynamic Leader - Told by One with a Front-Row Seat."*

Global Education

*Taiwan native Wei Shen, who works in Wayne County Public Schools' **Mandarin Chinese** program, has been providing culture and language lessons for WCC's English Language Acquisition classes.*



*Craig Foucht, Dr. Pfeiffer, and Maria Abalo-Zarate spent a week in an immersive learning experience in Mexico with Go Global NC's **"Latino Initiative: Strengthening the Talent Pipeline."** [Get all the details in WCC's News pages.](#)*



SUPPORTING SUCCESS

WCC has received several gifts recently that will benefit students:

- \$10,000 from the **Honor Our Firsts Committee** for materials for Public Safety programs
- \$5,000 from **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina** for the Bison Food Pantry
- \$20,000 from the **Gene Haas Foundation** for scholarships for CNC/Manufacturing students

- \$10,000 grant from the **CITA Foundation at The Dallas Foundation** for clinical needs and to assist in preparing Dental Hygiene students for the ADEX exam
- nearly \$11,000 from an anonymous donor to allow students Gracen Bogue and Dominick Wormely to participate in a college-sponsored trip to Italy in May 2024. *(See the students' shocked reactions when told about the gift*

by Foundation of WCC Executive Director Adrienne Northington.)



ON THE DOCKET

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

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

Employee Assembly and Appreciation Brunch - 9:30 a.m., Dec. 9 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium and

WLC Atrium

Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation - 6 p.m., Dec. 7 ▪ WLC Atrium

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. 20 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

First Day of Spring Semester 2023 - Jan. 9

2023 HSE/GED Graduation - afternoon (time TBA), May 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

2023 Curriculum Graduation - Times TBA, May 12 ▪ Maxwell

PROUD of OUR PEOPLE

■ NC Association of Educational Office Professionals District 12 has named President **Patty Pfeiffer** its Administrator of the Year.



■ Biology Instructor **Lynn Swafford** presented on “Engaging Online Students with Interactive Google Slides Lessons” at the Association of College and University Biology Educators Annual Meeting. It was her third time presenting at the conference.

■ An article by Academic Skills Center Director **Brandy Daingerfield** titled “Service Learning and Tutoring: An Exploratory Discussion” has been included in the second issue of the

North Carolina Community College Journal of Teaching Innovation.

■ The NC Community College System Career and Technical Education Team produces a monthly “Raising the Awareness of Career Pathways” webinar. Software Development Instructor **Jenneth Honeycutt** and Artificial Intelligence Instructor **Connor Beveridge** were guests in the November edition on Software Programming.



■ **Steven Reese** has moved from Mechanical Engineering Technology Instructor to Engineering, Manufacturing, and Indus-

trial Technologies Department Chair. He replaces **Todd King** who took on

the new role of Associate Dean of Career Programs and Applied Technologies.



■ WCC's **Academic Skills Center (ACS)** and its staff were presented multiple awards at the National Tutoring Association's Annual Conference. They were:

- **Cheryle Melton**, part-time Administrative Assistant for the Center and part-time Professional Tutor - “Tutor Profile in Courage” Award
- Professional Tutor and ASC Coordinator **Lucy Stutts** - “2022 Tutor of the Year” Award for two-year schools
- **Dr. Brandy Daingerfield** - “NTA Proposed Research” Award for her research proposal and the association's first “Executive Director's Award”
- The Center won the “Tutoring Program Excellence Award” in the two-year college category for the second year in a row, the first time it has been given to the same institution in consecutive years.

STUDENT STANDOUTS

■ **Honors Biology students** held a Science Night for third through fifth graders. The event attracted 35 children who created genetic bracelets, walking rainbows, and floating drawings as they learned about genes, water transport in plants, and chemical solutions.



■ **Sydney Norris**, an Associate in Arts major, won the Queen of the Fair title at this year's Wayne Regional Agricultural Fair. She will receive a scholarship from the WCC Foundation.

■ **Twenty-three students** taking short-term training courses through WCC Workforce Continuing Education will receive scholarships through the State Employees' Credit Union Foundation Bridge to Career Program.

■ WCC's Upsilon Chi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society inducted **85 new members** in its fall ceremony.

■ Criminal Justice major **Karen Taft** and Accounting and Finance major **Titus Dezern** are recipients of \$5,000 “People Helping People” scholarships from the State Employees' Credit Union Foundation.

■ Three Scholars of Global Distinction participated in the Two to Tell Competition at the NC Association of International Educators'



Student **Toni Martinez** (far right) participated in a Cybersecurity Panel at UNC World View's Community College Symposium on “Information Security in an Interconnected World” earlier this month.

Global Leadership and International Engagement Student Conference at UNC Wilmington. The students and their topics are - **Grace Evans** who described her experience learning Russian in Kyrgyzstan as part of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs National Languages Initiative for Youth program, - **Sophia Smith** who

described her cultural immersion living in Spain this summer, and - **Caleb Mitchell** who described his virtual study abroad through the University of Technology of Sydney “Beyond Borders: the NC-Bordeaux Connection” course. He has been invited to travel to Bordeaux this summer with the IUT de Bordeaux summer program.