

WAYNE ACCLAIM



■ WCC is the latest college to have access to **Ford Automotive Career Exploration (ACE)**, thanks to sponsorship by Deacon Jones Ford in Goldsboro. ACE instruction will be embedded into the college's Automotive Systems

On the Docket

Naming Ceremony - 11 a.m., June 3 ▪ Deacon Jones Automotive Center (Ash Building)

Foundation of WCC Invitational Online Auction - 9 a.m., June 7-8 p.m., June 10 ▪ Access the site from the [Foundation website](#).

Foundation of WCC Invitational - June 9, Tee times at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. ▪ Walnut Creek Country Club

ACCT Virtual Diversity Institute - June 22 and 29. Details at www.acctgli.org/diversity.

Practical Nursing Pinning - 4 p.m., July 28 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation - 6 p.m., July 28 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Dental Assisting Pinning (tentative date) - 5 p.m., July 29 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Technology - ATEP program. Students earn a certificate for each web-based module completed and will be given credit for those courses by any Ford dealership at which they go to work.

■ WCC's Small Business Center has joined the **NC Small Business Coalition**. The coalition, spearheaded by the NC Rural Center, endeavors to identify and advance solutions that support a more prosperous environment for small business and entrepreneurship. Coalition partners endorse "North Carolina's New Business Plan," a set of policy recommendations that address challenges and opportunities facing entrepreneurs.



■ WCC is one of 60 institutions across the United States that made Intelligent.com's **"Most Affordable Online Colleges"** list. Of those, it was named the "best for associate degrees."



■ CollegeChoice.net has ranked WCC's Accounting and Finance Degree No. 8 in the country in its **"Best Online Associate in Accounting Degrees 2021."**



VIP VISITS

Thomas Stith, III, the new president of the NC Community College System, visited WCC on May 12 to share his vision and learn about the college.

Stith briefed college officials on the "three pillars" of his goals for the system:

- * be the first choice for affordable/accessible education;
- * be the leading entity in North Carolina's economic recovery and going forward with sustained growth, "Wayne Community College in particular;" and
- * be a national model for diversity and inclusion.

Stith heard about the college's numerous recent accolades and how it is meeting the area's workforce and economic development challenges, particularly highlighting apprenticeships and the future Center for Industrial Technology and Engineering. He was given a tour of the college's Nursing Simulation Lab and the Ash Building.



A little more than a month earlier, the college hosted **MC Belk Pilon, who is the president and board chair of the John M. Belk Endowment, along with several of the endowment's staff members, and Nation Hahn, director of growth for EducationNC**, for a briefing and tour. They heard about the college's growth plans, student success and engagement efforts, and apprenticeships, then visited several areas of the campus.



KUDOS TO ...



■ Achievement Coach **Peyton Overbee** was presented United Way of Wayne County's "Spirit of Wayne 2020 Campaign Chairman's Award." Campaign Chair Bethany Perry said that Overbee, an annual campaign volunteer, "continually educated her colleagues and worked to engage them." WCC contributed \$4,100 to the campaign to impact 82 lives.



■ **Bill Simons**, the Military Business Center coordinator at Wayne Community College,

hosted and facilitated five sessions of a virtual Defense Contractor Academy that was offered by the North Carolina Military Business Center.



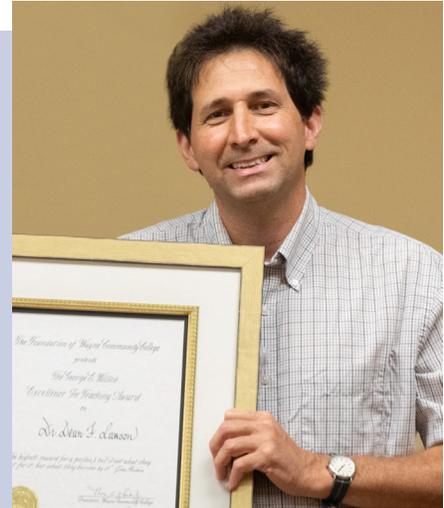
■ Public Information Officer **Tara Humphries** collected five awards in the National Federation of Press Women's 2021 At-Large (20 states and the District of Columbia) Communications Contest. She took first, second, and third place for speeches, and second and third place for press releases.



■ Lead Software Development Instructor **Jenneth Honeycutt** was announced as an Excellence Award winner by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

WCC RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE

Dr. Dean Lawson, a history instructor, was presented the 2021 George E. Wilson Excellence in Teaching Award. Lawson is the 36th recipient of the award that honors Wilson's contributions as a civic leader and WCC trustee. Some of the words Lawson's nominators used to describe him were dedicated, gracious, captivating, and authentic. [Watch the video of his surprise presentation.](#)



ApprenticeshipNC awarded **Smithfield Foods** the 2021 Outstanding Registered Apprenticeship Employer Award, an honor for which WCC nominated the company. The college partners with Smithfield in its apprenticeship programs. [Watch a video about those apprenticeships.](#)

President Walker conferred a **President's Award for Distinguished Service** on Bill Hunter. [Watch a video of the presentation.](#) Hunter has served on the Foundation's board of directors for 15 years and, with his company, has generously supported it. He also has given his time and money to civic organizations and his church while running a successful business.

