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■ Wayne Community College has been named a **"Military Friendly® School"** for the eighth time. It is one of just 18 of the 58 North Carolina community colleges to earn the status. The designation honors the colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace military students and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.



■ Wayne County was awarded **"maintaining" status** as a certified ACT Work Ready Community, recognizing that it continues its commitment to developing a strong workforce pipeline that is desirable to employers, economic developers, and current and future citizens of the county. WCC has been a leader in the Wayne Occupational Readiness Keys for Success (WORKS) coalition that sought and has driven

the effort to excel as a Work Ready Community.

■ WCC's Upsilon Chi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was named a **2021 REACH Chapter**. The REACH Rewards program recognizes PTK chapters that excelled in membership development by increasing their membership acceptance rate by 15 percent or higher. In 2020, the Upsilon Chi chapter added 68 members, which was 19.4 percent of the WCC students who were eligible to join the organization.



■ WCC's Associate Degree Nursing program has been ranked one of the best nursing schools in the state. RegisteredNursing.org placed WCC's program at number six out of 82 analyzed for the **"2021 Best Nursing Schools in North Carolina"** list.

TOPS IN TUTORING

WCC's Academic Skills Center was named the **2021 Tutoring Program of the Year** in the Two-Year School category by the National Tutoring Association. Congratulations goes to **Dr. Brandy Daingerfield**, ASC director, her coordinators (**Michael Bloom**, **Karen Hartley**, and **Lucy Stutts**), the center's professional tutors, and its peer tutors. Additionally, Hartley was selected as the 2021 Tutor of the Year. Bloom was presented the 2021 Tutor Profile in Courage Award. Daingerfield was recognized as the NTA Board Member of the Year and her doctoral dissertation, "Value in Tutoring: An Investigation of Student Perceptions of Tutoring," received the 2021 NTA Publication of the Year Award.

Also announced was Daingerfield's acceptance of the volunteer position of assistant director/special liaison to military and first responders and executive director of the National Tutoring Foundation.



Hartley, Bloom, Daingerfield, and Stutts (l-r)

On the Docket

Student Recognition Ceremony/Celebration - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., April 14

Fine Arts Festival - 8 a.m.-7 p.m., April 19-22 and 8 a.m.-1 p.m., April 23

NCACCT Virtual Law/Legislative Seminar - April 21-23

Truck Driver Training Graduation - 6 p.m., April 22

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony - 6:30 p.m., April 22

AACC Digital Convention including announcement of Awards of Excellence winners - Thursdays in May

Dental Hygiene Pinning - 6 p.m., May 4

Nurse Aide I Pinning - 11 a.m., May 5

Pharmacy Technology Pinning - 6 p.m., May 5

Associate Degree Nursing Pinning - 6 p.m., May 6

AHS/HSE and Curriculum Walk-Through Graduation - 9 a.m.-noon, May 7

Phlebotomy Pinning - 1 p.m., May 8

Phlebotomy and Nurse Aide I Pinning - 5:30 p.m., May 12

Phlebotomy and Nurse Aide I Pinning - 1 p.m., May 14

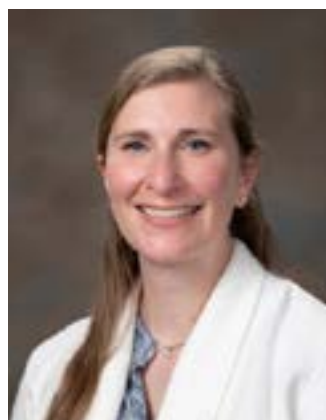
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KUDOS TO ...



■ Software Development Instructor **Jenneth Honeycutt** was awarded a 2021 Dale P. Parnell Faculty Distinction by the American Association of Community Colleges. The designation recognizes instructors who not only exemplify excellence in an academic setting, but who also work outside the classroom to help their students achieve success.

was quoted in the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals newsletter. In the article in *NAWDP Advantage* titled “Career and Technical Education programs have impact,” Curry said, “Each student has a special story: when you get to know them, it’s inspiring and makes everything worthwhile.”



■ Music Instructor **Randi M. Chalfant** presented at the NC Community College Associate in Fine Arts Association annual conference. She discussed WCC’s fall 2020 virtual choir presentations and announced a future collaborative virtual choir performance for community college music programs across the state.

■ **President Walker** will present at UNCW 3C Collaborative’s second annual Challenging the Paradigm Virtual Conference titled “Partnerships Promoting and Evolution of Diversity.” The virtual event will be held on May 13-14. He will be a respondent to keynote speaker Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer, president of the Community College Presidents’ Association, on May 14. To attend the free event, [register online](#).

■ Director of Human Resources **Melanie Bell** graduated from the NC Rural Center’s Homegrown Leaders program, a three-day regional leadership and economic development program that develops and supports highly-motivated leaders who are committed to building regional collaboration across multi-county regions in the state.

■ Get the inside scoop with Dr. Walker’s “**Have You Herd?**” video program. It includes conversations with WCC faculty, staff, and students about events, programs, and themselves, with a bit about a bird or book thrown in. A new episode is posted every other week on WCC social media and the college’s YouTube channel.

Four WCC employees were selected to present at the NC Community College System Conference. The college’s Quest Academy was the subject of a session led by Transitional Programs for College and Career Director **Lynn Rabhan**, English Language Acquisition Coordinator **Maria Abalo-Zarate**, and Computer-Based Learning Coordinator **Damian Perna**. **Ernie White**, dean of WCC’s Applied Technologies Division, joined two industry representatives for two presentations titled “Festo Didactic: NC3 Industry 4.0 Certification Program.” (below, clockwise: Rabhan, Abalo-Zarate, White, and Perna)



■ **Theresa White-Wallace**, administrative assistant for the Arts and Sciences Division, was presented the NC Association of Educational Office Professionals’ 2021 Educational Office Professional of the Year Award at the organization’s recent virtual conference.

■ **Elizabeth Curry**, director of Workforce Continuing Education Allied Health programs,

