

CONNECTING DOTS



Earlier this month, **Dr. Pfeiffer** and **Dr. David Lewis**, Wayne County Public Schools Superintendent, attended the annual joint meeting of the NC Association of Community College Presidents and NC School Superintendents Association. In addition to the sessions they attended together, they had time to “brainstorm how we can benefit our Wayne County students and foster educational attainment,” Pfeiffer reported.



On March 14, **welding students and instructors**, joined by **Dr. Pfeiffer and representatives of the the WCC Trustees, Wayne County Commissioners, Golden LEAF Foundation, and Duke Energy Corporation**, cut the ribbon on the renovated and expanded welding facilities.

Earlier that morning, **legislators, county commissioners, businessmen, and WCC officials and trustees** gathered at the college to talk about the need to invest in community colleges.



ON THE DOCKET

WCC Student Art Show - now through April 3 ▪ Arts Council of Wayne County

Foundation Arts and Humanities lectures - 5:30 p.m., Mondays, now through April 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Transportation Job Fair - 10 a.m.-2 p.m., March 23 ▪ Ash Building

Operation Medicine Drop - 12:30-3:30 p.m., March 23 ▪ WLC 161

Keith Stewart Memorial Daffodil Dash - 9 a.m., March 26 ▪ Fremont

Etiquette Dinner- 5:30-7:30 p.m., March 28 ▪ Lane Tree Country Club

Senior Night - 6-7:30 p.m., March 30 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium and Atrium

“Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine” talk by Graeme Robertson - 5:30 p.m., March 31 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-off - 10-11 a.m., April 1 ▪ Fountain area

Science Inspiring Tomorrow’s Engineers (for grades 3-5) - 10:30 a.m., April 2 and 9 (different experiments) ▪ virtual

Wayne Co. Chamber of Commerce Education Breakfast - 8 a.m., April 5 ▪ Lane Tree

Military Recruitment Fair - 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m., April 7 ▪ WLC Atrium

Collaborative Choral Concert - 7 p.m., April 7 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Wayne Co. Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Career Fair - 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., April 12 ▪ Maxwell Center

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

Screening of “Resilience” documentary - 6:30 p.m., April 14 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

WCC Career Services to be featured on nciMPACT - 7:30 p.m., April 15 ▪ PBS NC

A Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes: Leadership Development Student Project (walk for the homeless) - 10 a.m., April 16 ▪ Stoney Creek Park

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

Wayne WORKS to be featured on nciMPACT - 7:30 p.m., April 22 ▪ PBS NC

Spring Fine Arts Festival: Art on Display - April 25-29 ▪ WLC Atrium

Spring Spectacular - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., April 27 ▪ Graduation Field

An Authentic Cinco de Mayo Celebration - 11:50-12:30 p.m., April 27 ▪ The Pit

Spring Fine Arts Festival: Concert - April 28 ▪ WLC Atrium

“A Global Experience Honoring Your World” showcasing the work of Global Distinction and Honors students - 6-8 p.m., May 3 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium and WLC Atrium

Regional Military Small Business Outreach and Vendor Event - May 4 ▪ Maxwell Center

Engineering and Manufacturing Student Showcase - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., May 4 ▪ WLC Atrium

Medical Laboratory Technology Pinning Ceremony - 5 p.m., May 4 ▪ Walnut 101

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

WCE Allied Health Pinning Ceremony - 10 a.m., May 5 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Dental Hygiene Walk-Through Pinning Event - 2-4 p.m., May 9 ▪ Dental Department, Holly Building

Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony - 4 p.m., May 9 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Curriculum Graduation Ceremonies - Times TBA, May 10 ▪ Maxwell Center

AHS/HSE Graduation - 11 a.m., May 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

30th Foundation of WCC Invitational: Dinner and Live Auction - June 7, **Golf Tournament** - June 8 ▪ Walnut Creek Country Club

Dental Assisting Pinning Ceremony - Time TBA, July 25 ▪ Location TBA

Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony - 4 p.m., July 27 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

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

COLLEGE KUDOS



■ WCC was honored as a Bellwether Award finalist in the Workforce Development category. The college's apprenticeship program was in the running for the national award that recognizes best practices in community

colleges. A team that included Dr. Patty Pfeiffer, Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Coordinator Kristie Sauls, Smithfield Foods Talent Acquisition Specialist Clarence Scott, Jr., and apprentice Dwayne Jones presented about the program at the Community College Futures Assembly in San Antonio, Texas.

■ WCC was recognized as a partner in bringing the Mt. Olive Pickle Company's manufacturing, warehouse, and distribution operations expansion to Goldsboro. The

college will provide training for some of the 167 new jobs at the facility.



■ WCC has earned the Military Friendly® School designation for 2022-2023. This is the college's ninth time on the list and first time earning gold status for leading practices, outcomes, and effective programs.



■ WCC's General Motors ASEP and ATEP automobile technician training programs have met the strict industry standards required to continue their Master Automobile Service Technology Accreditation, which is the highest level of program accreditation recognized by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

PROUD of OUR PEOPLE



■ Trustee Geoff Hulse was presented the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service award by the North Carolina State Bar in January.

■ **Dr. Brandon Jenkins** was interviewed for an article on bringing back "stop-outs" that

will appear in the April/May *Community College Journal*.



■ Associate Vice President Institutional Effectiveness and



Chief of Staff **Dorothy Moore** has earned her doctorate degree in Strategic Leadership from Liberty University. Her dissertation was titled "Lack of Succession Planning in Community Colleges."



■ **Dr. Brian Duffy's** "At-Home Science and STEM Activities Approval Document" paper was accepted by the National Science Teaching Association

and is being considered for inclusion in a weekly publication for its members. Duffy is a Chemistry Instructor.



■ Wayne Business and Industry Center Executive Assistant **Linda Berard** was re-elected the NC Association of Educational Office Professionals' District 12 President for 2022-2023.

STUDENT HONORS



■ **Aleah Brinn**, a student in the Aviation Systems program, is this year's Academic Excellence Award winner. The award recognizes a student based not only on academic achievement, but also community service and leadership activities. She will receive a plaque and a medallion from the NC Community College System (NCCCS). Finalists for the award are Alicia Patel (Associate in Engineering)

and Katie Wagner (Associate in Science through the Career and College Promise program [CCP]).



■ The WCC Dallas Herring Achievement Award recipient is **Jesus Quiroz**, who is working toward his Associate in Science degree. The award recognizes a student who embodies the philosophy of Dr. Herring, one of the fathers of North Carolina's community college system, who said that community colleges should "take the people

where they are and carry them as far as they can go." Quiroz is the college's nominee for the same award at the System level. The local finalists for the award are Rebecca Young (Accounting and Finance) and Jenna Slye - (Associate in Science - CCP).



■ The WCC Gov. Robert Scott Student Leadership Award will go to **Guillermo Estrada**, an Associate in Arts major in the CCP program. He is the college's nominee for this award at the state

level, which is presented by the NC Association of Community College Presidents to recognize outstanding student leadership and service. The finalist for the local award is Jasmine Wiley (Associate in Arts - CCP).



■ **Isaac Carreno**, a WCC Associate in Arts major and Wayne School of Engineering student, has been named to LatinxEd's "20 Under 20" list for North Carolina. The list's student leaders are committed to advocating for the Latinx community.