

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION



The Foundation of WCC awarded approximately \$350,000 worth of **scholarships** to **320 students** this year. Recipients had the chance to meet and thank their scholarship donors at a reception on March 14, like Derrick Wormely did with Invitational Chair Joe Garner (at left).

COLLEGE KUDOS



- WCC has been named a **2023-2024 MilitaryFriendly® School** for the 10th time. The college also earned “gold” award status in the small community college category for leading practices, outcomes, and effective programs.
- The Golden LEAF Foundation Board of Directors has awarded **\$225,000** to WCC. The funds will pay for equipment, personnel, and supplies to renovate classroom and lab space at Southern Wayne High School for expanded workforce training in welding, equipment

repair, and safety. The high school will use the space during the day. The college will offer adult learners short-term training there at night and on weekends with a bilingual instructor for Spanish-speaking students.

- WCC’s Upsilon Chi chapter was one of 294 Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapters internationally that were recognized for membership development efforts. It was named a **2023 REACH Chapter** and awarded five free stoles.

The WCC Small Business Center named JOY Filled Foods its 2022 **Small Business of the Year** Award and Speckled Fawns its 2022 **Small Business Start-Up of the Year**. Both were members of the last LAUNCH Goldsboro cohort.



- For the sixth consecutive year, *Renaissance*, WCC’s writers’ and artists’ magazine, has been honored in the Southern Division of the **Community College Humanities Association’s annual Literary Magazine Competition**. The publication earned third place in the Best Magazine category. [SEE HOW GOOD THE MAGAZINE IS >>](#)

Students who won awards are:

- Skylar Holland** (Agribusiness Technology) - first place in Best Short Story category for “Bunny Ears,”
- McKenzie Sollars** (Associate in Arts) – second place in the Best Short Story category for “Liminality,” and
- Katie Wagner** (Associate in Science, Spring 2022 graduate) – third place in the Best Artwork category for “Angry-Eyed.”
- Lynn Safford**, Biology Instructor and Honors Program Coordinator, took third place in the Best Photography category for “Tiger Swallowtail.”

PROUD of OUR PEOPLE



Emily Byrd, the current Associate Director of the Foundation of WCC, will become its Executive Director on July 1. Current Executive Director **Adrienne Northington** will retire at the end of June.



The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce presented its 2022 Cornerstone Award to Trustee Chair **Geoff Hulse**. The honor recognizes individuals that have demonstrated “extraordinary effort and dedicated commitment to the principles of growth and expansion through dynamic leadership and whose attitude and example set the standard for our membership and community.”



- **Bobby McArthur**, an Industrial Systems Technology/Mechatronics Instructor, was featured in a piece titled “This Wayne Community College instructor is preparing students for the future in mechatronics” in the February 17 edition of EdNC’s Awake58. [READ HIS STORY >>](#)



- Biology Instructor **Sondie Hoffman** was interviewed about the college’s plans for “WCC’s The Art of Science” in a PBS North Carolina blog post about the 2023 NC Science Festival. [CHECK IT OUT >>](#)

STUDENT STANDOUTS



Dallas Herring Achievement Award. He is in the running for the NC Community College System's award by the same name. **Alexys Higgins** (Associate in Science) was a finalist for WCC's honor.

■ Fall 2022 Graduate **Guillermo Estrada** has been awarded a Morehead-Cain Scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He plans to major in Advertising and Public Relations.



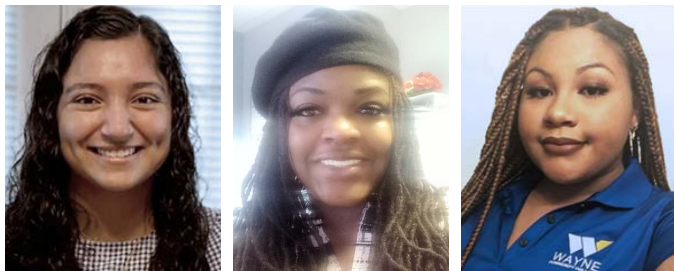
■ **Derrick Dabney** earned a 2023 NC Community College System Academic Excellence Award. The Raleigh resident is majoring in Aviation Systems. **James Mason** (Associate in Science), **Ashe-lie Jones** (Associate Degree Nursing), and **Zoie Outlaw** (Dental Assisting) were finalists for the award.

■ **Hayden Wall** (Mechatronics and Industrial Systems, dual enrolled in North Duplin High School) was presented Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Distinguished Youth Award.



■ **Dillon Teachey** (Automotive Systems), a Wallace resident, received two scholarships worth a total of \$4,500 from the TechForce Foundation, a nonprofit that champions students through their education and into careers as technicians.

■ **Gamil Algharazi** (Associate in Science) is the recipient of WCC's 2023



■ Three Honors Program students were selected to present at this year's Undergraduate Honors Symposium at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro on March 17. They and their presentations are **Karen Compean Throm** (Associate in Arts, dual enrolled in Wayne School of Engineering) - "Seasonal Patterns of Northern Cardinals," **Galen Jones** (Fall 2022 graduate, Associate in Science) - "A Sample Scientific Research Paper on the Higher Percentage of Research Grade Level Monarch Butterfly Observations between Southwestern States and Southeastern States," and **Chantel Chestnutt** (Associate in Arts, dual enrolled in Wayne Early Middle College High School) - "Location's Effect on Cardinalis Observations."

ON THE DOCKET

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: 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

65th Anniversary Celebration - 2 p.m., April 5 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium and Atrium

International Festival - 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 6 ▪ 1st Floor WLC and Pit (Outside)

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 & Global Scholars Showcase - 6-8 p.m., April 20 ▪ 1st Floor WLC

WCC's The Art of Science: a 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 Display - April 24-28 ▪ WLC Atrium

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

Truck Driver Training Graduation - 6 p.m., April 27 ▪ Walnut 101

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony - 6 p.m., May 1 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

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

Nurse Aide & Phlebotomy Pinning Ceremony - 11 a.m., May 8 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

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

Pharmacy Technology, Medical Laboratory, & 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 Graduation - Time TBA, May 11 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

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

Curriculum Graduations - Times TBA, May 12 ▪ Maxwell Center

Summer Session Begins - May 23

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

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

Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony - 4 p.m., July 26 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Dental Assisting Pinning Ceremony - 6 p.m., July 26 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation - 6 p.m., Aug. 1 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Nurse Aide & Phlebotomy Pinning Ceremony - 11 a.m., Aug. 10 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

Naturalization Ceremony - 10 a.m., August 25 ▪ Moffatt Auditorium

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