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Connecting North Carolina's  
Community College Leaders



**Registration is now open for the 2019 NC Community College Legislative Day & NCACCT Law/Legislative Seminar!**

**On April 3, it's Community College Legislative Day** - For the first time in a cohesive, collaborative way, the NC Association of Community College Trustees, the NC Association of Community College Presidents, State Board of Community Colleges and the Community College System Office will bring all stakeholders together to advocate on behalf of the Systemwide Legislative Priorities at the Legislative Buildings, downtown Raleigh. We need ALL 58 Community Colleges represented, as legislators will be looking for constituents from their districts to visit their offices that day.

**The evening of April 3-April 5, it's the NCACCT Law-Legislative Seminar** - Held at the Downtown Raleigh Sheraton, we will kick off the Seminar with a Legislative Reception the evening of April 3, when all attendees, guests of attendees and legislators are invited. Thursday April 4 and Friday April 5 there will be sessions focusing on legal legislative

Thursday, April 1, and Friday, April 2, there will be sessions focusing on legal, legislative and governance matters that are important for all Community College leaders. New or reappointed trustees will also have the opportunity to attend their required training. [Click here](#) for more details about this exciting event, and contact your College Administrative Assistant to register!



#### **Applicants Encouraged for Region 1 Seat on NCACCT Executive Board**

There will be an opening on the NCACCT Executive Board, beginning July 1. If you are a Trustee in Region 1 and would like to serve on the NCACCT Board, please submit a letter of nomination from your local Board of Trustees and a letter of interest to NCACCT President/CEO Julie Woodson at [woodson@ncacct.org](mailto:woodson@ncacct.org) by February 28. Colleges in Region 1 are Asheville-Buncombe TCC, Blue Ridge CC, Cleveland CC, Gaston CC, Haywood CC, Isothermal CC, McDowell TCC, Southwestern CC and Tri-County CC.

#### **Austin Named 2019 I.E. Ready Award Recipient**

Lyn Austin, long-time Chair of the Board at Johnston Community College and a member of the NCACCT Executive Board, has been selected by the State Board of Community Colleges as this year's recipient of the I.E. Ready Award. Created in 1983, the award is the highest honor bestowed by the SBCC and recognizes individuals who have made significant, statewide contributions to the establishment, development or enhancement of the system. Austin's nominators cited her "tenacity and generous spirit," and noted that she is "a fierce advocate on all fronts" for community colleges. [Read more](#)



#### **Spalding Named NCCCS President of the Year**

The State Board of Community Colleges has selected Dr. Carol Spalding as the 2019 President of the Year. The president of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College since 2008, Spalding has been an advocate for student success and the community college's role in developing North Carolina's workforce and economy. She has grown the college's continuing education and training programs, and facilitated a group of community leaders to align and leverage economic development efforts within Rowan County. [Read more](#)



### 2019 ACCT National Legislative Summit - NC Events



The NCACCT will be hosting two special events just for North Carolina attendees at the upcoming ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington DC. On Monday, February 11, we will have a North Carolina Reception at 4:30 PM at the Marriott Marquis. On Tuesday, February 12, at 11:00 AM, attendees will meet

with Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis to discuss issues important to community colleges at the national level. [Click here](#) for more details.



### Edgecombe CC Celebrates Student Ambassadors

Edgecombe Community College recently celebrated the successes of its Student Ambassador Program. Since the program's inception in 1997, the ambassadors have worked to recruit high school students, serve at education expos, and promote ECC in the community. Ambassadors must maintain a 3.25 GPA, carry at least a 12-hour course load, and commit to the program for a year. Students chosen receive a \$500 scholarship and ECC attire to wear at functions. [Read more](#)



### Alamance CC Announces \$1 Million Gift from LabCorp

Alamance Community College has announced that it is the beneficiary of a \$1 million gift from LabCorp. The funding will be used to provide students and instructors in ACC's Biotechnology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Histotechnology, and Agricultural-Biotechnology programs with state-of-the art laboratory equipment and supplies, in addition to making provisions for ongoing service and maintenance requirements. [Read more](#)

#### **NCACCP/NCACCT Hire Blizzard for New Role**

The NC Association of Community College Presidents (NCACCP), in partnership with the NCACCT, has hired Ashley Blizzard as Communication Coordinator and Events Manager. This shared position will assist with event planning and registration as well as communication, administration, and overall coordination between the two associations. Ashley has previous experience working with both a statewide membership association and at the General Assembly. She can be reached at 919-467-9754, ext 226, or at [blizzard@ncacct.org](mailto:blizzard@ncacct.org).

#### **Sampson Introduces Accelerated Associate's Program**

Sampson Community College students now have a chance to fast-track to an associate's degree through a new initiative, Viking Express. This accelerated degree program allows students to earn an associate in arts degree in one year through completion of five eight-week consecutive sessions. [Read more](#)

#### **Southwestern Student-Built SWAT Robot Donated to Jackson Sheriff's Office**

After a year long designing process, Southwestern Community College student Scott Mitchell donated his SWAT Robot project to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. The robot can be used by officers to help ensure safety in potentially dangerous situations. [Read more](#)

#### **Across the Nation**

- [Community College Transfer Students - Underenrolled, Overachieving](#) - US News & World Report
- [New-Collar Workers - Who Are They and How Are They Contributing to Our Labor Shortage](#) - Forbes
- [Community Colleges Offer an Upward Path to Needy Students. Will More Donors Pay Attention?](#) - Inside Philanthropy

items of interest and updates from NCACCT. We welcome news items from Trustees, Presidents, Public Information Officers and others in the community college system who have updates that would be beneficial to share. Please send any articles or updates to [Caroline Hipple](#) to be included in future newsletters.

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