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Connecting North Carolina's
Community College Leaders



2019 NC Community College Executive Assistants Training

47 of the North Carolina Community College Presidents' Assistants and Board Liaisons gathered in Greensboro June 5-7 for the 2019 Executive Assistants Training. Co-hosted by the Trustees Association and the Presidents Association, the event included presentations from the system office, legal experts, and college presidents, as well as interactive panel discussions and opportunities to network with peers from across the state.





Registration is Now Open for the 2019 NCACCT Leadership Seminar

Join us at the coast this summer to learn about successful initiatives taking place at community colleges across NC and best practices related to apprenticeship programs, regional business collaborations and effective fund-raising for Foundations and community engagement. Our keynote luncheon speaker will be Mr. Scott Stump, Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education, who will discuss the Department's areas of interest, his goals for community colleges, and the challenges and opportunities facing our institutions. There will also be a session supported by the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research that will focus on education leaders' roles in student success. We are also excited to host special entertainment at our Thursday night reception courtesy of Jackie Gore, founder of The Embers and co-writer of many beach music hits, including "I Love Beach Music"! [Click here](#) for more details about this exciting event!



SBCC Honors 2019 Award Winners

On May 16 the State Board of Community Colleges honored its 2019 award winners. Lyn Austin, Board Chair at Johnston Community College, was presented with the I.E. Ready Award for significant statewide contributions to the community college system. Dr. Carol Spalding of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College was

named President of the Year, and Ginger Harris of Central Carolina Community College was named Staff of the Year. Additionally, the City of Kannapolis, Castle & Cooke, and Rowan-Cabarrus Community College were honored as Distinguished Partners of Excellence. Read more about the award winners [here](#).

State Budget Update

Thank you for communicating with your legislators regarding the NC Community Colleges' Systemwide Priorities. The Conference Committee Report for the State Budget is expected to be released next week, and, at this point, it looks like most of the systemwide priorities are included at some level. However, the legislative leadership and Governor continue to debate Medicaid expansion, and other partisan issues, and this is expected to slow down final budget votes.



Trustees are encouraged to continue working with their College Presidents to communicate with legislators about the legislative priorities and their importance to our students and our colleges. Click [here](#) for a link to the General Assembly website and a list of your legislators' Raleigh office numbers and email addresses.



Applicants Encouraged for Regions 2 & 3 Seats on NCACCT Executive Board

Beginning July 1, there will be two seats on the NCACCT Executive Board with unexpired terms. If you are a Trustee in Region 2 or Region 3 and would like to serve the remainder of a term (ending June 30, 2020), please email NCACCT President/CEO [Julie Woodson](#) with your statement of interest by July 31, 2019.

Governor Announces Sector Partnerships to Boost Key Industries

Three North Carolina regions will receive technical assistance and coaching to boost key industries in their communities, Governor Roy Cooper announced last week. The project is a collaboration of key leaders, including those from our community colleges, to launch sector partnerships in North Carolina. Once launched, these partnerships will promote a coordinated strategy among workforce, economic development, and education organizations to meet businesses' needs. [Read more](#)

**Pamlico CC Salutes
"Extraordinary Partnerships"**

An organization that provides free, on-campus mental health counseling and a state senator who works tirelessly as an advocate for Pamlico Community College were recognized as recipients of 2019 President's Extraordinary Partnership Awards at the spring commencement ceremony. [Read more](#)

**New Collision Repair Shop at
Wayne CC**

Wayne Community College has begun construction on a new 34,000 square foot automotive and collision repair building. Special accrediting requirements from partner automotive manufacturers have also been factored into the design. [Read more](#)

Across the Nation

- [Getting the Word Out About Trade Careers](#) - CC Daily
- [Community Colleges Serving the Middle Class](#) - Brookings Institute
- [Google's Growing IT Certificate](#) - Inside Higher Ed

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