

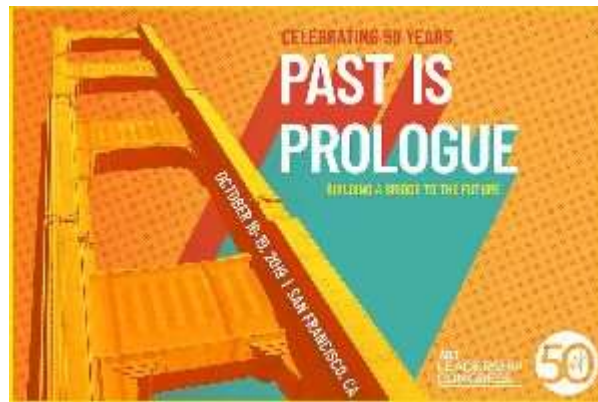


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# CC Link



Connecting North Carolina's  
Community College Leaders



## **2019 ACCT Leadership Congress**

Trustees, presidents, and college staff from North Carolina gathered in San Francisco October 16-19 for the 50th annual Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress. NC participants were active throughout the event, leading sessions, learning about innovative solutions and programs, and exchanging stories and troubleshooting challenges with more than 2000 peers from across the country. North Carolina was also represented at the award ceremonies and officer elections. Former Trustee Donald Wilson from Piedmont Community College was the recipient of the Southern Region Trustee Leadership Award, and Tina Royal from Davidson Community College was elected to serve on the ACCT Diversity and Equity Committee.

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, February 9-12. [Click here](#) for more information or to register



### **Western Region Trustee Training**

On September 30, almost 50 trustees and presidents participated in a first-of-its-kind one day NCACCT Western Region Trustee Training session at Lake Junaluska in Haywood County. Especially designed for those trustees in the far west of the state who were unable to travel the distance to Wilmington in August, this session enable both new and reappointed trustees to fulfill their state-mandated Trustee Training requirement. Presentation topics included trustee roles & relationships, the state legislative and budget processes, and the role community colleges will play in shaping North Carolina's future.



### **NCACCT Executive Board Chair John Watts**

Beginning with this issue of CC Link, the NCACCT will be featuring a different North Carolina Community College Leader in the "Spotlight" section. We kick off this series with our Executive Board Chair John Watts from Catawba Valley Community College. [Click here](#) to read more about Watts' background, accomplishments, and advice for new trustees.

### **RCC Allied Health Center**

The upcoming Allied Health Center at Randolph Community College was recently featured on local news. This innovative training facility will be named after current RCC President Dr. Bob Shackleford and will feature an entire simulated health care community. To read or watch the story, [click here](#).



### **Captain Robert Comer**

Captain Bob Comer, longtime member of the Surry Community College Board of Trustees and Chair of the NCACCT Executive Board from 2012-14, passed away on October 23, 2019. Captain Comer's life exemplified what it is to be a public servant, and his impact to North Carolina's community colleges will be long felt. [Read more](#)

### **Mark your calendar!**

The dates for the [2020 NCACCT Seminars](#) have been announced. The Law-Legislative Seminar will be held at the downtown Raleigh Marriott from March 18-20, and the Leadership Seminar will be at the Asheville Renaissance from August 26-28. We hope to see you there!

### **Across the Nation**

- [Community Colleges and the Future of Workforce Development](#) - Forbes
- [Community Colleges Need to Evolve as Students' Needs Do](#) - Harvard Business Review
- [Dave Ramsey tells students to skip the "dream" college](#) - CNBC

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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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