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### **Applicants Encouraged for Regions 2 & 5 Seats on NCACCT Executive Board**

The NCACCT Executive Board Nominating Committee is now accepting recommendations for seats in Regions 2 & 5 ([view a listing of colleges by region here](#)). If you are a Trustee in either of those Regions and would like to serve on the NCACCT Executive Board (for a four-year term beginning July 1), please send a statement of interest, a brief bio and a letter of recommendation from your local board of trustees by Wednesday, March 4, to NCACCT President/CEO Julie Woodson at [woodson@ncacct.org](mailto:woodson@ncacct.org). The Executive Board sets the goals for the associations's work, and includes representation from all of the six trustee regions across North Carolina.



### **Registration is open for the 2020 NCACCT Law/Legislative Seminar!**

March 18-20 we will welcome more than 250 community college leaders at the Downtown Raleigh City Center Marriott to learn more about: cybersecurity and what our colleges need to consider if a cyberattack occurs; the upcoming legislative short session; legal matters affecting our colleges; and ways that community college partners can work together to impact public policy. 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!



### **NCACCT Executive Board Secretary/Treasurer Grayson Whitt**

"Listen to learn" and "don't be afraid to ask questions". That's the main advice Rockingham Community College Board Member Grayson Whitt would give new trustees joining a college board. [Click here](#) to read more in-depth about Whitt's background, his life in Eden, and his thoughts regarding NC community colleges and trustees.



### **2020 ACCT National Legislative Summit**

North Carolina community college leaders met with Senator Richard Burr and Senator Thom Tillis during the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC earlier this month. The Senators spent time speaking to our North Carolina attendees about the current political climate, their legislative priorities, and the role they see community colleges playing. NC attendees also had the opportunity to network at a special reception, and hear from political analysts and legislative leaders from across the country.



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### **What to Look for when Using a Search Firm**

Executive Leadership Associates is a partnership of six retired North Carolina community college presidents who are committed to ensuring our internationally recognized community college system continues its proud tradition of excellence, one college at a time. ELA partners have served a combined 80 years as presidents at seven different community colleges and have worked as interims at nine community colleges. [Click here](#) to learn more about ELA, and what to look for when using a search firm to hire a new president.

This is one in a series of articles written by [NCACCT Business Partners](#). The Business Partner Program is a new initiative launched to give businesses an opportunity to share more information about products and services that are beneficial to community colleges.

#### **Craven CC Opens New STEM Building**

Craven Community College recently cut the ribbon on a state-of-the-art Science Technology Engineering and Math Center. With many industrial jobs nearby, the facility will help prepare students for cutting edge technical careers. [Read More](#)

#### **Caldwell CC&TI Mini-Grants Fund Unique Initiatives**

Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute has continued their Mini-Grant Project for the second year. The project allocated \$20,000 from academic support dollars raised by their Foundation to fund innovative ideas pitched by faculty and staff. [Read More](#)

#### **NC Community College System Celebrates Enrollment Growth for the First Time in 9 Years**

53 of the 58 NC Community Colleges reported an increase in enrollment over the last year - the first overall increase in almost a decade. Enrollment boomed in short-term workforce education, jumping 9.4 percent, while the number of students in traditional academic programs rose by 3.8 percent. The increases came after nine years of post-recession declines that are typical during a period of economic expansion. Community college enrollment ebbs and flows with the economy, but the fall 2019 growth runs counter to that trend. [Read more](#)

#### **Across the Nation**

- [The BA is no longer the only way](#) - Forbes
- [Report affirms value of associate degrees, certificates](#) - CC Daily
- [Endowments at community colleges](#) - Inside Higher Ed

CC Link is a bi-monthly newsletter from NCACCT that features news from our colleges, 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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