



Edgecombe Community College President's Report 2022





The water tower across from ECC's Tarboro campus was painted in 2022 with college graphics designed by ECC Graphic Artist Stacey Patterson.

VISION

We aspire to be an exemplary leader and training partner fostering student success and community prosperity for all.

VALUES

Integrity
Quality
Opportunity
Student Success
Diversity and Equity
Collaboration

MISSION

ECC's mission is to strengthen and enrich the educational, training, and lifelong learning opportunities for our community.



A Message from the President



In May 2022, Edgecombe Community College graduated 370 students who received 426 degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Many graduates earned more than one credential.

Sixteen of these students completed Adult High School Equivalency and Adult High School diplomas. We had a wonderful commencement ceremony with 200 of the graduates participating in the program.

In May, we also celebrated healthcare graduates through their special pinning ceremonies.

Student achievement has always been Edgecombe's mission, and the college remains committed to providing students with quality training that is both relevant and life enhancing. We celebrate our students and the college's many achievements and accolades in 2022.

ECC's Division of College and Career Readiness ranked number two in performance among North Carolina community colleges for the 2021-2022 program year. A focus of the division is to assist adults who have not earned a high school credential by helping them prepare to take the high school equivalency exam.

For the third year in a row, the college was designated a 2022-2023 Military Friendly® School. About 50 ECC students are veterans or active duty military.

Ami Denton, program chair and director of the nursing program at ECC, received the 2022 Educator of the Year Award from the North Carolina Associate Degree Nursing Council.

For the eleventh consecutive year, practical nursing graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses.

For the second year in a row, surgical technology graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the national certification exam for surgical technologists. All of these graduates are employed in nearby healthcare facilities.

ECC students brought home five awards from the SkillsUSA state competition and a bronze award from the SkillsUSA national conference. SkillsUSA competitions enable students to demonstrate their career and technical skills.

The college provides an edge to students through outstanding support services in counseling, academic advising, tutoring, career services, and financial aid, as well as committed faculty and staff who work tirelessly to help students succeed. Please read on to learn more about the people and events that shaped Edgecombe Community College in 2022. Thank you for your continued support of our college.

Gregory K. McLeod, Ph.D.
President



Student Success

Medical Assisting Scores 100% Pass Rate on National Exam



Members of ECC's Medical Assisting Class of 2022 passed on their first try the American Association of Medical Assistants national certification exam to become a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), resulting in a 100 percent pass rate for the class. This is the first medical assisting class at ECC to reach this achievement prior to graduation. From left are Tara Battle, CMA (AAMA); Jessica Johnson, CMA (AAMA); and Dylan Birdsong, CMA (AAMA).

Surgical Technology Graduates Achieve Perfect Score

For the second year in a row, ECC surgical technology graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the national certification exam for surgical technologists. As reported in February 2022, in December 2021 the seven members of the 2021 graduating class sat for and passed national certification administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting.

Nursing Graduates Honored for Compassionate Care

Associate degree nursing graduates Courtney Marshall and Monica Shehan received the DAISY Foundation's DAISY in Training Award during the nursing pinning ceremony in May.

They received a certificate, a DAISY in Training Award™ pin, and a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled *A Healer's Touch*.

Both Marshall and Shehan graduated from the associate degree nursing program during the college's commencement ceremony on May 13.

Students are nominated for the DAISY in Training Award by patients, families, visitors, staff, and instructors based on the level of compassion, advocacy, and leadership they demonstrate during clinical training.



From left, Monica Shehan and Courtney Marshall received the DAISY in Training Award.

SGA President Embodies Lifelong Learning



Chynice Chapman holds two credentials from ECC and is studying toward a third.

Motivated by a growth mindset, Chynice Chapman holds bachelor's and master's degrees and five certificates from five different schools.

In several years, ECC's student body president (2021-2022) will have one more degree to add to her résumé. Chapman expects to earn a nursing degree by 2025.

After a college and employment journey that took her from North Carolina to Maryland and back to NC, she was living in Goldsboro. She also helped care for her grandmother, who lived in La Grange. Once a month, Chapman would treat her grandmother to a pedicure at a local spa.

Seeing an opportunity, she decided to study nail technology so she could provide pedicures to her grandmother. In 2017, she enrolled at ECC and earned a nail technology certificate that year.

Chapman began working at a nail salon and also enrolled in the esthetics program at ECC. After earning that certificate in 2019, Chapman opened her own business, Elevation Aesthetics by Chynice.

With the ultimate goal of adding more services, Chapman set her sights on nursing school and is enrolled at ECC as a part-time student completing prerequisites for the nursing program.

Compared to large universities, Chapman assures that her experiences at ECC have been equally as rewarding.

"It's a great community college," she says. "You definitely learn relevant skills and get a more personal touch here. When I took my state boards after completing the nail technology program, I was ready. I was confident, and I was well prepared. I would recommend ECC to anyone."

Radiography Graduates Earn Perfect Marks

All members of the Radiography Class of 2022 passed the national certification exam on their first attempt, becoming registered radiographers and earning the title R.T.(R)(ARRT), which signifies Registered Technologist in Radiography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Twelve students graduated from the program in May.

The graduates are certified nationally as radiographers, which enables them to work anywhere in the United States or further their education in post-primary pathways such as radiation therapy, ultrasound, CT/MRI, nuclear medicine, cardiovascular interventional radiography, and mammography.

These graduates also boast a 100 percent job placement rate, with all employed as radiographers.

Practical Nursing Graduates Receive Perfect Score

For the eleventh year in a row, recent graduates of ECC's practical nursing program achieved perfection on the national licensure exam.

August graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses, which is required for practice as a licensed practical nurse and is the capstone to nursing studies.

In addition, all of the graduates are working as a licensed practical nurse for a job placement rate of 100 percent. Sixteen students completed the practical nursing program in August.

Honor Society Wins Thirteen Awards

ECC's student honor society won thirteen awards at the awards ceremony held by the Phi Theta Kappa Carolinas Region. The awards ceremony was the capstone of the regional convention, held in March in Winston-Salem and the first in-person convention in two years.

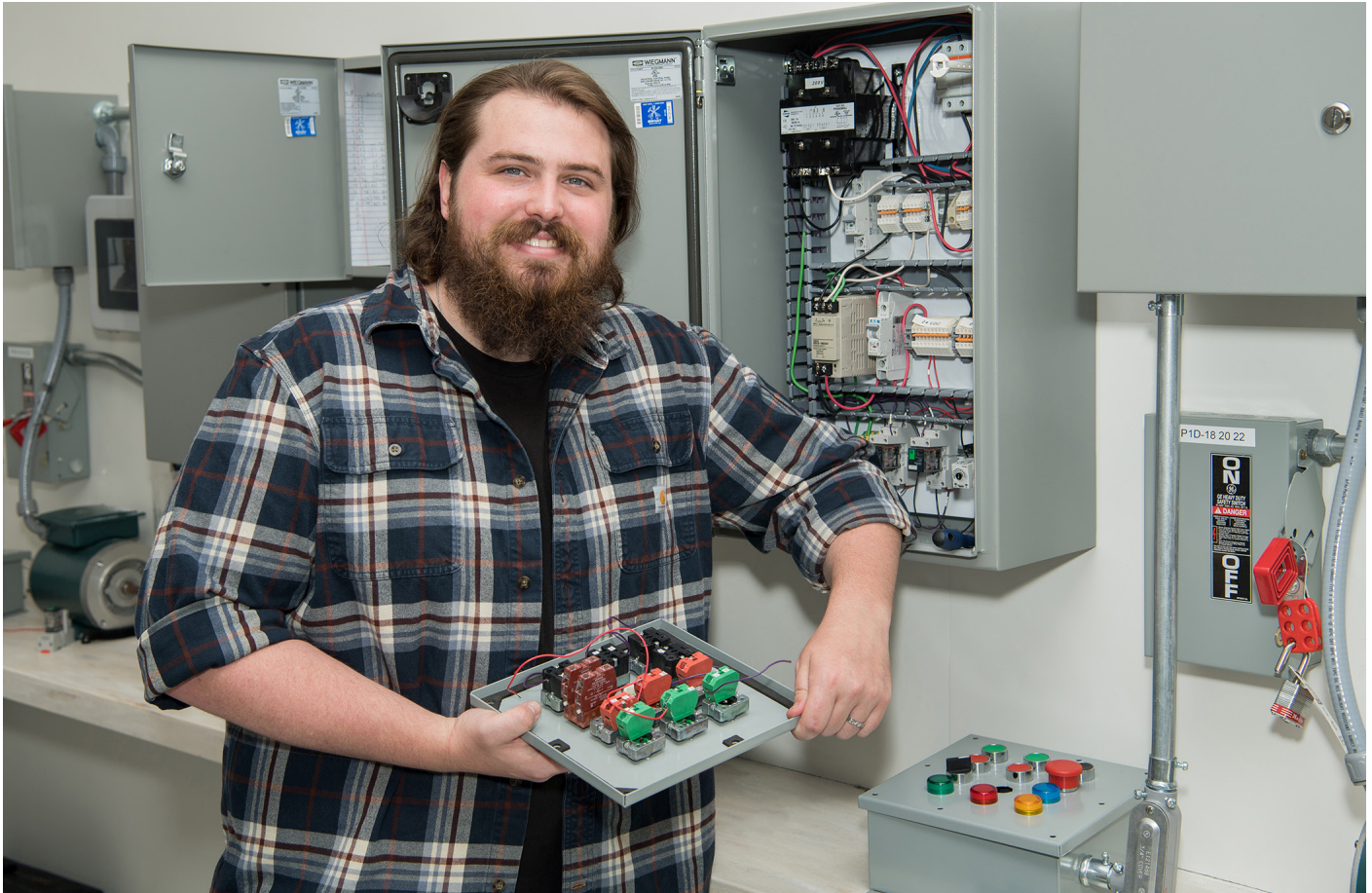
ECC's honor society has been a Five-Star chapter since 1996 and a Carolinas Super Star chapter since this award was established in 2000. Typically, only about sixteen chapters in the two-state Carolinas Region achieve Five-Star and Super Star designation.

Student Wins First Prize at State Fair



Congratulations to Angelica Molina-Davila, an ECC student in the nail technology program, for her first place award in a SkillsUSA competition at the NC State Fair in October. She competed in the "Fantasy Nail Art Design" Student Manikin Hand Competition, which was open to all cosmetology students, high school and college, across the state.

Student Pursuing Highest Electrician Credential



"The instructors really and truly want to see you succeed," says Jacob Anderson.

Jacob Anderson, a student in the electrical systems technology program at ECC, is studying toward an unlimited license, the highest credential for electricians and one that has become uncommon.

According to Doug Parrish, department chair of Industrial and Technical Trades at ECC, "There are only approximately 300 unlimited electricians in the state of North Carolina, and that number is shrinking. Licensed electricians are retiring, and no one is taking their place."

Anderson has long aspired to be a credentialed electrician. "I've been working in the electrical field since I was 17. I'm the third generation," he explains. His father and grandfather were electricians.

He dropped out of high school because, he says, he "wasn't learning anything that benefited what I wanted to do in life." He then enrolled in the College and Career Readiness program at ECC to earn his high school credential.

His grandfather had taken an electrical hands-on course at ECC in the 1960s and encouraged Anderson to do likewise. "I'm glad I took the chance to come to ECC, because I've learned a lot," Anderson says.

"The instructors really and truly want to see you succeed. Here you get the knowledge you need and the hands-on skills to learn how to use it. Mr. Parrish has helped me work toward my goals every step of the way."

Five Awards Earned at State SkillsUSA

ECC students brought home three individual awards and two team awards from the SkillsUSA state competition held in April.

Eleven students and four faculty advisors traveled to Greensboro to participate in the competition. Founded in 1965, SkillsUSA offers a competition for students to demonstrate their career and technical skills. The ECC chapter, called SkillsECC, provides leadership-building activities for students enrolled in vocational, trade and industrial, technical, and health occupations curriculum and continuing education programs.

Two SkillsECC teams placed 1st in the Skill Project Showcase at the state competition and one student placed 1st in Principles of Engineering (High School – Edgecombe Early College).

More than 1,500 students competed in over 120 hands-on trade, technical, and leadership contests during the SkillsUSA conference.

"SkillsECC has competed in the SkillsUSA state competition since 2015, but this was the first year of competition since 2019 due to the pandemic," explains SkillsECC Advisor Trey Cherry.

Student Wins Bronze Medal at SkillsUSA Nationals

Congratulations to Payden Kiser, a rising junior at the Edgecombe Early College High School and a student at ECC, who brought home a bronze medal from the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held in June.

Kiser placed third in the Principles of Engineering Technology Competition. He placed first in Principles of Engineering (High School – Edgecombe Early College) at the North Carolina SkillsUSA competition in April. Students who finish first in select events at the state competition are eligible to compete at the national level.

Kiser was accompanied to Atlanta by SkillsECC advisors Rebecca Stamilio-Ehret and Trey Cherry, who are ECC instructors, and Dr. Johnica Ellis-Kiser, program chair of Business Administration at ECC and Kiser's mother.

"We are so proud of Payden and his outstanding success," says ECC President Dr. Greg McLeod. "At such a young age, he is already a champion in his dedication to hard work and achievement."



Payden Kiser was awarded a bronze medal at the national SkillsUSA conference held in June.

Surgical Technology Graduate Expands His Career Path



Quintin Whitehead completed ECC's surgical technology program in 2014.

Quintin Whitehead is excelling in a career he didn't know existed a decade ago.

A sales associate and surgical technologist with Zimmer Biomet, a medical device company headquartered in Indiana, Whitehead has a unique perspective in the operating room. He knows surgical instruments, and he understands the devices he sells and how to best implant them. In the OR, surgeons rely on both of his skill sets.

"I started off wanting to be in the medical field but not knowing exactly what I wanted to do," Whitehead explains. "I looked at different fields, like nursing, and had no idea that surgical technology even existed. I had looked at the college's course offerings many times, but I never noticed surgical technology. My best friend's uncle was a surgical technologist who graduated from ECC. He told me about the program and recommended it."

After graduation, he began working as a surgical technologist at the SurgiCenter in Greenville, a position he held for four years. "I saw different surgeries and learned new things every day. I started to specialize in orthopedics. But at the same time, I started to feel like I was reaching a ceiling as a surgical technologist.

"When the opportunity to work for Zimmer Biomet came along, it felt right." Four years later, he says it still feels right. "As a tech, I knew all of the steps. As a rep, I get to do more. I know all of the steps as well as why a procedure is done in a particular way."

He works with many of the same surgeons that he assisted at SurgiCenter, surgeons who now view him as a colleague. "I provide the instruments and implant devices for procedures like hip and knee replacements, then show the surgeons how to use the instruments and how to implant our devices. Sometimes I can't believe my life right now!"

Manufacturing Student Strengthening Skills



"I love school more now than I did in high school. I see how I can use what I'm learning," says Bonnie Bulluck, a manufacturing technology student.

After 25 years in manufacturing, Bonnie Bulluck decided it was time to strengthen her skills. She says she is learning and growing in the field through the manufacturing technology program at ECC.

Bulluck, 43, has worked in manufacturing since graduating from SouthWest Edgecombe High School. "Manufacturing is the backbone of a lot of rural communities, including Edgecombe. It's who we are," she says. "I love the environment; every day is different. Manufacturing is what I love to do."

She decided to enroll at ECC to hone her skills and learn more about every aspect of manufacturing, such as materials and processes, research and development, and quality control.

"I was very happy to learn that ECC has a comprehensive program in manufacturing. I thought I was going to have to drive to Raleigh to receive this level of quality instruction."

Bulluck began the degree program in January and takes two courses each semester, including the summer term. She works full time at ABB in Pinetops and says the company fully supports her educational goals.

Currently enrolled in algebra/trigonometry and psychology classes, she says that coursework at ECC is relevant to her work. "You wouldn't think I would use algebra on the job, but I do, nearly every day. Leadership, engineering, machining – this program touches on all aspects of manufacturing."

Graduate Transfers to University of Alabama



Eren Exum completed her first two years of college at ECC. “It was the best choice for me,” she says.

When Eren Exum started classes at the University of Alabama as a junior in August, she says she felt well prepared, thanks to the first two years of college she received at ECC.

Exum completed an associate in arts degree at ECC in May. She also graduated from Edgecombe Early College High School in May.

The Early College is a five-year public high school located on ECC’s Tarboro campus. Students graduate with both a high school diploma and a two-year College Transfer degree.

A goal of the Early College is to improve college attendance rates for Edgecombe students by exposing them to a rigorous curriculum of high school honors courses and community college courses.

Exum earned an associate in arts degree, which consists of a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit of college transfer courses.

“I highly recommend completing the first two years of college at ECC,” Exum says. “It was the best choice for me. I wanted to get a head start on my college career.

“The classes were small, so they felt like an extension of my high school classes. The instructors were nice and helpful. Plus, my degree cost very little.”

Exum says the personal attention she received at ECC made all the difference. “It feels like everyone there knows everyone there,” she adds.

Respiratory Therapy Proves the Right Fit



Kevin Sharpe says his instructors “really know their stuff, and they are willing to go the extra mile to help us.”

His path may have been winding, but Kevin Sharpe has ended up exactly where he was meant to be, a student in the respiratory therapy program at ECC.

Sharpe, 36, is a graduate of North Pitt High School in Bethel. “I took a year off, life happened, and I didn’t go to college right away,” he says.

In his 20s, he enrolled in a large online proprietary university, earning a bachelor’s degree in healthcare administration in 2013. “Having a successful career in healthcare without an RN or MD was a lot harder than I realized.

“I knew I wanted to be in healthcare, so I started prerequisites for nursing.” Soon after, he decided that path was not the right one for him. At about that time, a coworker and graduate of ECC’s respiratory therapy program began to talk to Sharpe about the program, and he soon applied.

“I didn’t get a runaround at ECC like I had at other schools,” Sharpe explains. “ECC is different. It’s the environment and the people. No matter where I’ve gone on either the Rocky Mount or Tarboro campus, faculty and staff have been welcoming and helpful. They have a knack for knowing who needs help.”

“The instructors are amazing,” Sharpe adds. “They really know their stuff, and they are willing to go the extra mile to help us.”



Recognitions

ECC Named Military Friendly® School

For the third year in a row, Edgecombe Community College has been recognized nationally as a school that helps military veterans succeed.

The college was designated a 2022-2023 Military Friendly® School in April. ECC received a Silver Award in the Small Community College category.

According to militaryfriendly.com, "Military Friendly® Schools strive towards and succeed in the areas that matter most in helping veterans make the transition from the military to school and, ultimately, satisfying careers in the civilian world. Earning the designation shows that your school meets the minimum criteria."

About 50 ECC students are veterans or active duty military. To recognize veterans, ECC hosts special events, including the Veterans Day Memorial and Recognition Ceremony in November.



College Ranks #2 in State in High School Equivalency Program Performance



Instructor Desmond Sykes works with a student.

ECC's Division of College and Career Readiness ranked number two in performance among North Carolina community colleges for the 2021-2022 program year.

The division ranked second in performance among 58 community colleges and 11 community-based organizations.

A focus of College and Career Readiness is to assist adults who have not earned a high school credential by helping them prepare to take the high school equivalency exam and continue on to post-secondary education and/or enter the workforce.

The North Carolina Community College System's benchmark for the measurable skills gains performance measure was set at 43.6%. A measurable skills gain is the level of progress students attain as they complete proficiency levels in reading or math.

At ECC, 67.9% of Career and College Readiness students achieved a measurable skills gain. Once students matriculate to high school equivalency-level coursework, they take the official exams in the five core subjects of reading, writing, social studies, science, and mathematics.

College Invited to National Summit

In May, ECC President Dr. Greg McLeod was among approximately 50 community college leaders invited to attend an American Association of Community Colleges summit on Expanding Community College Apprenticeships, an initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Labor to increase the number of apprenticeship programs and services throughout the country. Dr. McLeod was proud to represent ECC and other rural community colleges at the summit.



Commencement 2022

Graduates Encouraged to Believe in Possibilities



Dr. Valerie Bridges, superintendent of Edgecombe County Public Schools, told ECC graduates to believe in themselves as they look forward to the future during Commencement exercises held May 13 on the Tarboro campus.

Dr. Bridges gave the keynote address during the ceremony. She is the 2022 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Bridges began her keynote address by recounting the 1983 NCAA Championship game in which NC State University defeated the much-favored University of Houston 54-52 with a dunk in the final second. The victory was an "if there is a will, there is a way experience," according to Dr. Bridges.

"When you believe in possibilities, you don't need everybody to believe. You just need to believe in you," she told the graduates.

This year's commencement was the first traditional indoor ceremony since 2019 due to the pandemic. For the last two years, the college has celebrated graduates with a drive-thru graduation parade.

"I know that you have experienced difficulties and setbacks, but now it's time for a set-up," she said. Dr. Bridges recommended three steps for building a successful life: "Lean in, and believe in yourself. ... Work hard, but play hard, and in the process, take care of yourself. Life is tough, but you're tougher. ... Plan for your future. Don't let it happen, make it happen."

Class of 2022



370
GRADUATES



426
DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, &
CERTIFICATES AWARDED



16
HIGH SCHOOL
CREDENTIALS AWARDED



Brinkley Dew (left) was recognized as the North Carolina Community College Academic Excellence Award recipient from ECC. Also shown are ECC President Dr. Greg McLeod and Samantha Phillips, vice president of student services, who is at the podium.



Shelley Hart was honored as the 2022 Dallas Herring Achievement Award nominee from ECC.



Gregory Horne was honored as the Governor Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award nominee from ECC.





Partnerships

Colleges Partner in Online Program



HIT instructors at ECC are (from left) Christine Keel; Nacole Everette, program chair; and Carla Gray.

For two weeks in 2021, Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte shut down following a ransomware attack that compromised much of the school's electronic data.

Numerous students were in danger of missing a full semester, or in some cases, possibly graduation, including 17 students in its health information technology program.

That's when Edgecombe Community College stepped in to help. "They reached out to us, and we shared our courses with them," explains Nacole Everette, chair of ECC's Health Information Technology (HIT) program.

The temporary fix for those 17 students has morphed into a full-fledged partnership. The two institutions signed an agreement in early 2022 that enables Central Piedmont students to take HIT classes at ECC.

Health Information Technology is an online program at ECC, so Central Piedmont students don't have to travel to Tarboro to complete the program.

"Our No. 1 goal in the beginning was to get those students back in class," Everette explains. "As the conversations between us continued, we started going down a different path, one that would move us into a joint venture.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for these students because there are job opportunities in that geographical location," she adds. "We see the career outlook exploding in this field."

National Guard Conducts Training

The National Guard Hazardous Response Team based in Greenville traveled to ECC in August for training. The team is one of 57 "small footprint" hazardous materials response teams across the nation. Among other training scenarios, team members conducted a search of Keihin Auditorium on the Tarboro campus.



ECC and ECU Partner in RIBN Program for Nursing

ECC and East Carolina University partnered in fall 2022 to provide ECC nursing students with options to accelerate the completion of a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Through the Eastern North Carolina Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN) program, students complete the associate degree in nursing at ECC and the bachelor's degree in nursing at ECU.

Students are dually admitted to both institutions. They spend the first three years at ECC. During the first year, students complete general education requirements and nursing prerequisite courses. Students also complete at least one online course per semester at ECU. At the end of their third year, they receive an associate degree in nursing.

After passing the state licensure exam, students progress to the fourth year of the program, completing coursework online at ECU in the RN to BSN program.

The Accelerated RIBN (aRIBN) program provides a three-year option in which students complete both the associate degree in nursing and bachelor's degree in nursing. Students in the aRIBN track have already completed general education requirements and nursing prerequisites.

The RIBN program provides several advantages to students, especially with costs. Completing the first three years at the community college is much less expensive than attending ECU for four years. In addition, students receive added support through a RIBN student success advocate.



College Hosts Mass Casualty Incident Simulation Training

ECC paramedic and health sciences students responded to multiple trauma scenarios through a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) simulation event on the Rocky Mount campus in October.

Students were faced with multiple injuries and other emergency scenarios in the simulated hospital on the second floor of the Lamm Building and in the parking lot of the Rocky Mount Event Center.

Adam Culbertson, fire and EMS coordinator at ECC and organizer of the event for the college, said the primary goal was to "simulate a Mass Casualty Incident for the health sciences students as well simulation of a high patient load in a short amount of time."

ECC paramedic, nursing, and radiography programs participated along with the Rocky Mount Fire Department, Edgecombe County EMS, and an ECU Health EastCare helicopter.

According to Nacole Everette, dean of the Division of Health Sciences, "This event was a voluntary activity for our students. Participation was not required, and we still had 31 nursing students, seven paramedic students, and five radiography students who took part in the training. It was an awesome learning experience for them."

ECC paramedic student Trakima Casom, who has been working as an EMT for three years, said the realistic drill "helped to prepare us for a real event, which of course we hope never happens."



ECC partnered with Edgecombe County EMS, the Rocky Mount Fire Department, and ECU Health EastCare to conduct Mass Casualty Incident simulation training.



K-12 Outreach

High School Seniors Celebrated on Signing Day

In May, more than 100 Edgecombe County high school seniors declared their intention to attend ECC in fall 2022.

The college honored the students at ECC Signing Day held at high schools. Signing Day is a national initiative to celebrate students for making a commitment to higher education.

Students, ECC leaders, and high school officials attended Signing Day events at North Edgecombe, SouthWest Edgecombe, and Tarboro high schools, and North East Carolina Preparatory School.

A total of 115 seniors, or nearly 28 percent of the high school seniors in Edgecombe County, declared their intent to join the student body of ECC. Edgecombe County Public Schools seniors numbered 416.

"Thank you for choosing Edgecombe Community College," ECC President Dr. Greg McLeod told the students. "Whether you plan to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year school, we believe that ECC is the best place to start and prepare for a bright future. We put students first, and we will do all that we can to help you succeed."

Among the 115 seniors were 25 EDGE Scholarship recipients. Through the EDGE Scholarship, students who qualify receive full funding to attend ECC, including tuition, fees, and books.

Other scholarship programs make attending ECC the most cost-effective choice for students and their families. Through the Edgecombe Pledge, the college is covering in-state tuition and fees for all qualifying students this fall.



ECC Signing Day at North East Carolina Preparatory School



ECC Signing Day at North Edgecombe High School



ECC Signing Day at SouthWest Edgecombe High School



ECC Signing Day at Tarboro High School



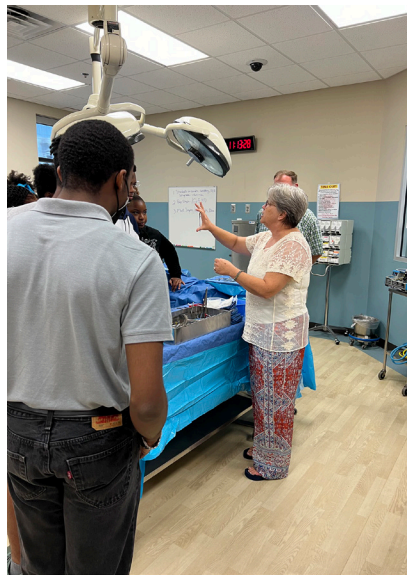
Melissa Mabie, instructor of agribusiness technology, leads a demonstration in the greenhouse during CTE Day.

College Hosts Eighth Graders for CTE Day

ECC hosted eighth graders from South Edgecombe Middle School and Martin Millennium Academy for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Day in April. CTE Day highlights CTE programs at the college.

"We want students to be exposed to the career paths and real-world educational opportunities available at Edgecombe Community College," explains Kathy Webb, coordinator of lifelong learning at ECC and director of CTE Day.

Students participated in demonstrations in agribusiness, construction, facility maintenance, cosmetology, welding, and drones.



High School Students Visit ECC

Students from Northern Nash, Southern Nash, and Rocky Mount high schools toured ECC in August as part of the Summer Bridge Program. Pictured is Suzi Shippen-Wagner, program chair of surgical technology, providing an overview of the field to students in the simulated operating room in the Lamm Building on ECC's Rocky Mount campus.



Middle School Students Learn about College and Career Options

Forty students from Edwards and Parker middle schools visited the Rocky Mount campus in October for the annual Communities in Schools event. Students toured the campus, met with college instructors and staff, and learned about programs in criminal justice, emergency medical science, health information technology, radiography, respiratory therapy, and surgical technology. Shown is Criminal Justice Department Chair Ryan Cox showing students how to dust for fingerprints.



School Personnel Attend Counselor Institute

Twenty-six Edgecombe and Nash middle school and high school counselors, CTE coordinators, career development coordinators, and career coaches attended a Counselor Institute held in June at ECC. The annual event is an opportunity for the college to showcase academics, college transfer options, student success, and local business and industry. Middle schools represented were Edwards, Martin Millennium Academy, Parker, Phillips, Red Oak, Rocky Mount, South Edgecombe, Southern Nash, and West

Edgecombe Middle. High schools in attendance were CITI High, Edgecombe Early College, Nash Central, North Edgecombe, Northern Nash, Rocky Mount, SouthWest Edgecombe, and Tarboro High.

High School Students Attend College Fair

Students from North East Carolina Prep School and Edgecombe Early College, North Edgecombe, SouthWest Edgecombe, and Tarboro high schools attended an October college fair at ECC to learn about opportunities in higher education. College counselors affiliated with the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers were on hand to promote their schools and programs. From left are ECC Student Counselor Chaka Haymon and a student.



ECC Participates in Youth STEAM Summit

ECC staff were on hand at the Youth STEAM Summit held in July at the Rocky Mount Event Center. Shown is Dr. Johnica Ellis-Kiser, program chair of business administration, sharing information about ECC's agribusiness technology program with young guests. The purpose of the Youth STEAM Summit was to connect young people to science, technology, engineering, agriculture, and mathematics to help them identify career options.





Community Engagement

ECC Holds Computer Class for Princeville Residents



Sylvia Hinton-Grant, director of Human Resources Development, instructs a class on Simple Computers for Princeville residents. The Princeville Senior Center requested the class for its members.

Princeville residents recently learned basic computer skills through a class designed especially for them at ECC.

Mary Tate, director of the Princeville Senior Center, requested the class for senior center members who were interested in improving their computer skills.

According to Sylvia Hinton-Grant, director of Human Resources Development at ECC, "We were happy to host a class for this group of vibrant adults who wanted to strengthen their technology skills to better connect with family and friends."

Among the students was Milton Bullock, former vocalist for the Platters who is known as the "Golden Platter." Bullock is an Edgecombe County native who attended Princeville and Patillo schools.

All of the students received a certificate of completion of 24 hours of training.

Hinton-Grant adds, "The college provides free classes on basic workplace skills and can hold classes for community groups if a sufficient number of students register."

Edgecombe Performance Series Returns



The Edgecombe Performance Series returned for the 2022-2023 season. Sponsored by Edgecombe Community College, the performing arts series was suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

The 2022-2023 series included eight events for the sixteenth season of bringing world class entertainment to Edgecombe and surrounding communities.

More information can be found at edgecombe.edu/performances.

ECC Spreads Holiday Joy



Students, faculty, and staff, along with college mascot Eddie the Eagle, helped spread holiday cheer during the Rocky Mount Christmas Parade held in December. The college also participated in the Tarboro Christmas Parade.

ECC Supports Heart Walk

About a dozen ECC students, faculty, and staff participated in the Twin Counties Heart Walk in September in Tarboro. The team raised approximately \$500 for the American Heart Association. From left are (front) Kyla McLeod, Beverly McLeod, Carole Mehle, (back) Samantha Phillips, Tiffany Wolf, Chantille Walston, Jaleesa Walston, and Teresa Bottoms. Not shown are Gloria Whitaker, Ariella Roberts, and Tamara Frank-Pourvady.



Nursing Students Hold Health Literacy Fair

ECC associate degree nursing students held a Health Literacy Fair on the Tarboro campus in October, providing health information to the public and showcasing their poster presentations. The fair was held to educate the community about common health issues facing Edgecombe and Nash counties. Shown from left are nursing students Kristina Garcia-Segura and Wanda Brignoni.

College Participates in Resource Fair

ECC participated in the Twin Counties Resource Fair held in July at the Rocky Mount Event Center. Shown are Desmond Sykes (standing), College and Career Readiness instructor, and Montrell Staton (seated), success coach, with a guest. ECC staff from Student Services and Human Resources Development also were on hand at the event.



ECC Participates in Night Out Against Crime

Edgecombe Community College participated in Rocky Mount Night Out Against Crime in October. Shown are Katrina Sessoms-Holder, instructor in the Division of College and Career Readiness, and a guest.



Public Safety

Emergency Medical Science Degree Added



Cadet Tramika Cason wraps Cadet Hannah Alcock's ankle during a paramedic lab.

The state of North Carolina is considering a proposal that would require a two-year associate degree for new paramedics, and ECC is working to be prepared for the likelihood of new regulations.

The college has launched a program that enables students to earn an associate degree in emergency medical science.

"What makes this program important and unique is that it improves a student's ability to document incidents," explains Adam Culbertson, fire and EMS coordinator at ECC. "They learn better writing skills and better math skills. Our goal is to provide supplementary education for paramedics."

The N.C. Office of Emergency Medical Services proposal, if passed, would impact only paramedic applicants who apply for credentials after July 1, 2023. Current paramedics would not be required to earn an associate degree to maintain their credentials.

Four Complete BLET

Four cadets graduated from ECC's 11th Basic Academy of Basic Law Enforcement Training in July.

Graduates are Adnan A. Allan, Anthony Dickens, Daneeka R. Govan, and Erin M. Grimes.

ECC's BLET Academy prepares students for entry-level employment as a law enforcement officer with state, county, or municipal governments. The cadets completed an intensive 22-week program and passed the certification exam mandated by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.



From left are BLET graduates and School Director Bernie Taylor.

Shaping the Next Generation of Law Enforcement



Bernie Taylor is director of BLET and law enforcement in-service training.

During Bernie Taylor's 30-year law enforcement career in Eastern North Carolina, he endured countless tragedies. In 2014, he turned in his badge in exchange for a clipboard and took over ECC's law enforcement training program. He'd never been more anxious.

"I had more stress in that first year at the college than I had in my entire career in law enforcement," Taylor says. "But once I knew we had enough cadets to begin that first class, it went well."

It's been going well ever since. Taylor wears several hats at the college. He directs ECC's law enforcement training, including BLET and speed measuring instrument training, and he also coordinates law enforcement in-service training.

In 1986, he joined the Rocky Mount Police Department. "I immediately loved it. I enjoy helping people, which was our objective every day, and the comradery among officers is special and unique. It's like a family."

Six years later, Taylor left the police department to join the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office. Over the years, he worked as a patrol deputy, drug task force agent, and detective, rising in rank from deputy to lieutenant.

Before he retired in 2014, he was in charge of the training and standards for the sheriff's office. "That's what caught the eye of the college," he says. "When I retired from the sheriff's office, it was like I walked out of one place and into another to do the same job."

After nearly 40 years, Taylor still loves it. "Helping to mold the future of law enforcement, that's what motivates me. I want to do everything I can to help develop officers who understand the demands of law enforcement and are well prepared to meet them."



ECC Holds Canine Training for Law Enforcement

About 80 law enforcement officers attended a Canine Legal Update seminar on the Rocky Mount campus in May. "All law enforcement officers require annual continuing education training, and it's the same for canine officers," explains Bernie Taylor, coordinator of law enforcement training at the college. The in-service training was led by Smith Rodgers Attorneys at Law, PLLC.

Officers Complete Crisis Intervention Training

Eight law enforcement officers completed Crisis Intervention Team training held in March at ECC. Four agencies were represented: Lake Royale Police Department, Longleaf Neuro-Medical Center Police Department, Vidant Police Department, and Wilson Police Department. EastPointe in Rocky Mount facilitated the class. Shown clockwise from bottom left are officers Oscar Aldava, Javasia Pane, Stephen Hoggard, Chris Lupo, Robert Taylor, Frederick Hendsen, Curtis Jacobs, and Jean Paul Marin.



New Facilities Strengthen BLET

For the past seven years, Bernie Taylor has been running ECC's Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program out of one classroom on the Tarboro campus.

That all changed in late 2021 when the academy moved across campus from the Fleming Building to the Havens Building, expanding the program's facilities to include showers, lockers, and a new multipurpose space for training and practical scenarios.

Taylor, a retired Edgecombe County deputy, took over as school director of the BLET program in 2014. "By expanding into the Havens Building, we're saving money," Taylor explains. "The classroom is in a better location, there's more office and storage space, and we also have a larger room for physical training and instruction in subject control, baton training, and Taser training."

Although ECC's BLET program already offers more training hours than required by the state, Taylor says the new facilities will enable cadets to receive that training more efficiently.

The program recently added Crisis Intervention Team Training, better known as CIT, a 40-hour national certification that focuses on advanced methods of de-escalation. Graduates also receive 18 college credit hours toward an associate degree in criminal justice.



Workforce Development



Instructor Desmond Sykes works with student Carolyn Bullock in his Transition to Digital Skills class.

Class Strengthens Digital Skills

As ECC students continue to navigate online learning and resources, the Division of College and Career Readiness (CCR) has created a Transition to Digital Skills course to aid those who may need stronger computer skills.

A focus of CCR is to assist adults who have not earned a high school credential by helping them prepare to take the high school equivalency exam and continue on to post-secondary education and/or enter the workforce.

The Transition to Digital Skills class is the brainchild of Desmond Sykes, CCR instructor. "This course enables students who are enrolled in our CCR programs to acquire the knowledge and skills they need to be more proficient in the use of technology," he explains.

Students learn how to navigate the Microsoft Office suite of products, which includes Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Once students have completed lessons on each application, Sykes presents them with a certificate of completion. "This is a credential they can add to their resumes," he says.



Laura Brown Evans directs the Small Business Center.

SBC Helps Small Businesses Succeed

Small businesses account for nearly half of the United States' economic activity, and they create two-thirds of net new jobs, according to a recent study by the Small Business Administration.

But for Laura Penny, her business would never have begun had it not been for the Small Business Center at ECC.

When Penny wanted to get her craft and T-shirt business, LP Creations, up and running, she turned to Laura Brown Evans, who directs the Small Business Center at the college.

"She really helped me because I didn't know how to do a lot of the marketing," Penny says. "She helped me register my business with the county. I'm not computer savvy, and she took her time to help with that, too."

Penny and Evans started working together in November 2021, and LP Creations enjoyed its best ever month in sales after an exceptional rise in Valentine's Day sales.

The SBC is part of a 58-center state-funded network in North Carolina. Ninety-eight percent of the services provided are free.



College Leadership

Belk Center Profiles ECC President

Dr. Greg McLeod, president of Edgecombe Community College, is the subject of a new Trailblazer Profile, an initiative of the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research at North Carolina State University.

The Trailblazer Profiles are part of the Belk Center's North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) History Project and highlight and celebrate the work of Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous leaders in the NCCCS, focusing on current and former community college presidents and system leaders.

Dr. McLeod took office as president of ECC in August 2018. He is the college's first African American leader.

"I was called to be an educator, but being a Black male, that calling means even more...it means being a role model," Dr. McLeod says in his Trailblazer Profile. "My role is helping to open eyes and open doors and help inspire people to think beyond what they know. If I can be inspirational to others, I think that's part of what I'm here to do."

Read his Trailblazer Profile in full at <https://belk-center.ced.ncsu.edu/research-and-insights/trailblazer-profiles/trailblazer-profile-dr-greg-mcleod/>.



Dr. Greg McLeod

New VP of Student Services Named



Samantha Phillips

Samantha Phillips, who has worked with students in various roles at ECC for almost 25 years, was named vice president of student services in March.

In her new position, she oversees services, initiatives, and events that support students in degree, diploma, and certificate programs, from pre-admission to graduation. She leads a staff of about fifteen, including student counselors, financial aid specialists, and staff affiliated with the Academic Success Center.

Phillips is a Rocky Mount native. She joined the college in 1997 and served basic skills students for twelve years. She transitioned to the Office of Student Services in 2009 as a counselor and became dean of students in 2013.

"The vice president position has long been my goal here at ECC, so I am deeply honored and also thrilled that my dream has been realized," she says.

In 2014, Phillips received the ECC Foundation Staff Award. She holds a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University and an M.A.Ed. from the University of Phoenix.

State Leaders Visit Campus



From left are Dr. Greg McLeod, ECC president; Rev. Jerry Spruell, chair of the ECC Board of Trustees; Rep. Shelly Willingham; Sen. Toby Fitch (seated); Dr. Shirley Carraway; and ECC students Tiffany Wolf and Gregory Horne.

"We were delighted to host our state leaders," Dr. McLeod says. "Their visit provided an opportunity to share an update on Edgecombe Community College as well as NC Community College System priorities. We are grateful for our state leaders' continued advocacy and support of the college and our priorities."

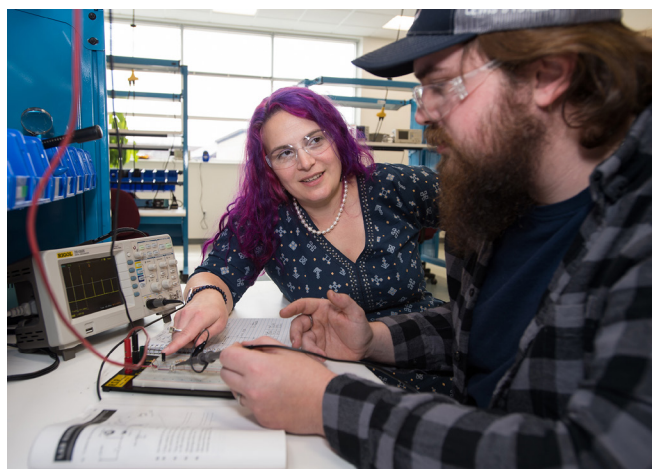
North Carolina legislative and higher education leaders toured the Tarboro campus in March.

Dr. Greg McLeod, president of the college; Rev. Jerry Spruell, chair of the ECC Board of Trustees; and several students hosted the visitors. Dignitaries were Rep. Shelly Willingham, Sen. Toby Fitch, and Dr. Shirley Carraway, a member of the State Board of Community Colleges. Dr. Carraway represents Region 6 on the state board, which includes Edgecombe County.

Two students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa, ECC's student honor society, participated in the campus tour. Gregory Horne, PTK president, and Tiffany Wolf, PTK vice president-scholarship, provided a student perspective as the group visited several programs.

The tour included the college's Basic Law Enforcement Training program, which recently relocated to updated space in the Havens Building; the new agribusiness technology greenhouse; and several programs housed in the Center for Innovation, including manufacturing and robotics.

Instructor Participating in State Leadership Program



Rebecca Stamilio-Ehret and student Jacob Anderson

Rebecca Stamilio-Ehret, physics and industrial trades/technology instructor, is taking part in the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program.

The six-month program provides leadership training to community college faculty and staff and helps develop leadership skills.

Stamilio-Ehret, who also serves as the pre-engineering coordinator at ECC, developed a nationally acclaimed retention plan for female students in STEM programs in 2013. Her plan was named one of the top three training plans developed as part of the 2013 National Science Foundation-funded WomenTech Educators Training.

At ECC, Stamilio-Ehret emphasizes the importance of different disciplines working in STEM and prioritizes inclusion and cooperation in her classroom. She has

been an instructor at ECC for 15 years. She holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Appalachian State University.

Nursing Leader Receives State Educator Award

Congratulations to Ami Denton, program chair and director of the Nursing program at ECC, who received the 2022 Educator of the Year Award from the North Carolina Associate Degree Nursing Council. The award was presented during the council's spring conference held in April. NCADN Council membership is open to all nursing faculty in associate degree nursing programs in North Carolina community colleges and private institutions. The award was presented to Denton (middle) by Cheryl Logan (left), past president of the NCADN Council, and Camella Marcum (right), president of the NCADN Council.



June Cherry

Tarboro Resident Joins Trustees

June Cherry, a retired health care professional and a native of Tarboro, was appointed to a four-year term on the ECC Board of Trustees in February.

Appointed to the board by the Edgecombe County Board of Education, she fills the position formerly held by Dr. Chad Cayton, who served on the board from 2019 until 2021.

Cherry is a graduate of Tarboro-Edgecombe Academy. She earned a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and worked as a dental hygienist in Tarboro for 38½ years before retiring in 2018.

"My husband and I are lifelong members of the community and have always supported Edgecombe Community College," she says. "Education is very important to us, and I feel called to be here."

New Health Sciences Dean Announced

Nacole Everette, program chair of Health Information Technology, was named dean of the Division of Health Sciences in August.

In her new position, Everette oversees programs in health care. She will continue to serve as program chair and instructor of Health Information Technology.

"I'm passionate about education," she says. "I made a leap of faith eleven years ago from acute care to education, and I've never looked back. It's an honor and a privilege to serve our students and the college."

Everette has been a member of the ECC faculty for 11 years. In 2021, she received the Endowed Faculty Chair Award, the most prestigious faculty award at ECC. In 2019, she received the Excellence in Teaching Award.



Nacole Everette

Trustees Lead College

From left, members of the ECC Board of Trustees are (front row) Carl Warren, Margaret Anne Wooten, Patrick Heins, (2nd row) Barbara Campbell Davis, Kim Wittig, (3rd row) June Cherry, Rev. Jerry Spruell, (4th row) Kenny Parker, and Gloria Wiggins-Hicks. Not shown are Timmy Cordell, Josie Davis, and Ricky Thompson. The ECC Board of Trustees has 12 members, each serving a four-year term. The Office of the Governor, the Edgecombe County Board of Education, and the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners each appoint four members.



Josie Brown Davis (left) and Gloria Wiggins-Hicks (center) were reappointed to the board and sworn in by Tracy Whitehurst (right), Edgecombe County assistant clerk of court and human resources. Ricky Thompson also was reappointed to the board and was sworn in at a previous time.

Gloria Wiggins-Hicks, a trustee since 1997, was reappointed to the board by the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners. She serves on the board's Building and Grounds Committee.

A Rocky Mount resident, Wiggins-Hicks is a retired community relations manager of Cummins Rocky Mount Engine Plant.

Trustees Announce Reappointments

Three members of the ECC Board of Trustees were reappointed to serve four-year terms in October.

Rocky Mount resident Josie Brown Davis was reappointed to the board by Governor Roy Cooper. Davis is a retired educator who spent 38 years as a teacher and administrator in Nash-Rocky Mount Schools and Edgecombe County Public Schools.

A member of the board's Personnel Committee and board liaison to the ECC Foundation Board of Directors, Davis was first appointed to the board in 2018.

The Edgecombe County Board of Education reappointed Ricky Thompson of Tarboro to the board. Thompson is a financial advisor with Edward Jones.

He chairs the board's Personnel Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee. Thompson has served as an ECC trustee since 2018.



ECC Foundation

The Edgecombe Community College Foundation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to aid, strengthen, and further the work and services of Edgecombe Community College. A primary focus of the ECC Foundation is to provide funding for scholarships awarded to students attending the college. During the 2021-2022 academic year, the ECC Foundation funded \$65,000 in scholarships benefitting 112 students. In addition to funding scholarships, the ECC Foundation sponsors the Student Ambassador program, the Endowed Faculty Chair Award, the Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Staff Award.

Lands Endow Scholarship



From left are Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation, Marlon Land, and Dr. E.C. Land.

"Education comes first" was a genuine family motto in the Batchelor household when Marlon Land was growing up.

"My mother had to leave home on two occasions just to finish school," Land says. "This was in the 1930s through the '50s, and African-Americans faced multiple challenges."

Those struggles led Land and her husband, Dr. E.C. Land, to establish the Reverend Asbury and Mrs. William Ethel Batchelor Memorial Endowed Scholarship at Edgecombe Community College to honor Marlon Land's parents.

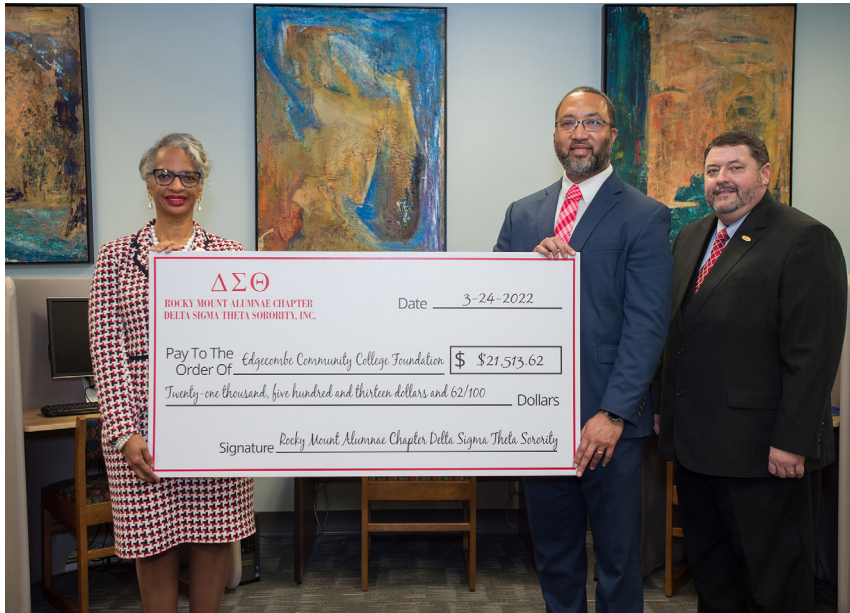
"We wanted to advance my parents' legacy of education at a local institution," Land explains. "The community college system is important to us because it provides local access to quality education."

William Ethel Batchelor taught second grade for 30 years at Princeville School, and she also taught Sunday School for many years before she died in 2005. The Rev. Asbury Batchelor was a former Edgecombe County Public Schools board member as well as the former mayor of Princeville and hospital chaplain. He died in 2021.

Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation, says the Lands were looking for a way to honor her parents, and an endowed scholarship was the ideal fit.

"It's an endowed scholarship, so it really is a living memorial," notes Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation. In an endowed scholarship, funds are invested so that the principal remains untouched. Only the income earned from the investment is used to provide financial support to students.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must be African-American residents of Edgecombe County. They must be a graduate of an Edgecombe County high school, have a minimum GPA of 2.75, and must be enrolled full time at ECC.



From left are Barbara Smith, president of the Rocky Mount Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Dr. Greg McLeod, president of ECC; and Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation.

Local Sorority Strengthens Scholarship

In March, the Rocky Mount Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. donated more than \$23,000 to ECC to strengthen the scholarship the organization endowed in 2020.

The scholarship supports full-time African American students – male and female – who are residents of Edgecombe County or Nash County.

“We realize the importance of education and recognize that a good education is how a person improves their quality of life, their community, town, state, and country,” explains Barbara Smith, president of the Rocky Mount Alumnae Chapter.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must have been a legal resident of North Carolina for the past five years. They also must be able to demonstrate leadership in a community, religious, or ECC student organization. Current students need a GPA of at least 2.75 to be eligible to receive the scholarship.

Delta Sigma Theta is a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), a collaborative organization of historically African American, international Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities. The Rocky Mount Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is the first NPHC organization in the Twin Counties to endow a scholarship at ECC.

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Gurganus Gift to Fund Teaching Center



Shown from left are college leaders Dr. Bruce Panneton, Sheryll Wood, and Dr. Greg McLeod; Jack Gurganus, Katie Gurganus Culler, and Samantha Gurganus; and ECC Foundation leader Lynwood Roberson.

"Our long-term vision is for our Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence to not only be the 'go-to' space for ECC faculty, but also to be a recognized resource for the region."

Jack Gurganus adds, "Our whole family is from Edgecombe County. It's important to give back."

A gift from a Rocky Mount family with deep ties to education has established the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence at ECC.

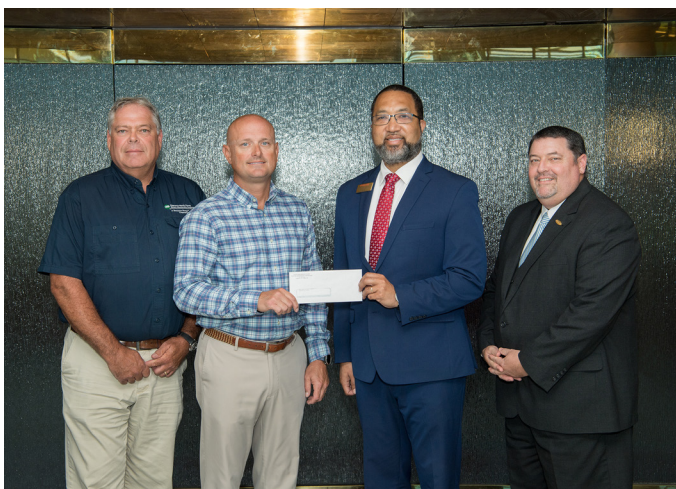
Jack Gurganus and his sister, Sonya Gurganus Bowen, provided funding in May to create the center because, he says, "We want to strengthen teaching, which is both an art and a science, at all levels."

Both of his daughters are elementary school teachers. "Because of them, I understand the need to support teaching. They are very passionate about their jobs and education, and this gift also honors them," he says.

The goal of the new center, which will be based on the Tarboro campus, is to strengthen instruction at the college level.

According to Dr. Bruce Panneton, vice president of instruction, "Our short-term vision is to have a dedicated space for sharing best practices and trying new instructional techniques and technologies for ECC faculty members.

Edgecombe-Martin EMC Supports Electrical Students



Leaders at Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation presented \$1,000 to ECC to support student scholarships in the electrical systems technology program. Edgecombe-Martin EMC provides two \$500 scholarships to the college annually. From left are Edgecombe-Martin EMC officials Eddie Stocks, vice president of member and industrial development, and Winston Howell, chief executive officer of Edgecombe-Martin EMC; Dr. Greg McLeod, president of ECC; and Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation.

College Employees Receive Awards



Warren Lynch



Kathy Webb



From left are Dr. Greg McLeod, Brad Hill, Anthony Lovitt, Seth Webster, Vanessa Pierce, Kevin Smith, and Aric Kipp.

An ECC instructor, staff member, and department received special awards from the ECC Foundation at the college's fall semester kickoff held in August.

Warren Lynch, welding instructor, received the 2022 Excellence in Teaching Award.

In announcing the award, Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation, said, "As a colleague states, 'All he was given when he started was a shop with outdated equipment and a white board in the classroom. I was amazed at the quality of education I saw the students receiving, and I knew he was special.'"

Lynch joined the ECC faculty in 2004 as the welding instructor in Continuing Education. "He has almost single-handedly grown the program to include a Curriculum degree, diploma, and certificate, and he still teaches Continuing Education welding classes," Roberson said.

Kathy Webb, director of lifelong learning in the Division of Continuing Education, received the 2022 Staff Award.

Following a successful teaching and coaching career with Edgecombe County Public Schools, Webb joined ECC in 1995, first as a biology instructor and later as the college liaison at the Edgecombe Early College High School.

In 2016, she retired briefly. In January 2017, she returned to ECC as director of lifelong learning.

According to Roberson, "She has strengthened this division immeasurably, starting monthly forklift training classes, our popular construction academy, HVAC classes, and many other programs that teach essential workforce skills."

The ECC Foundation presented a new award, the Department of Excellence Award, to the Computer Services Department.

In announcing the recipient, Roberson said, "No department is more critical to the smooth operation of our college. They protect us from threats like hackers and viruses. They connect us to students and to each other. Because of them, we can go about our business of serving students."

Led by Brad Hill, chief information officer and director of computer services, the department includes Aric Kipp, Anthony Lovitt, Vanessa Pierce, Kevin Smith, and Seth Webster.

The award is based on continued delivery of responsive, respectful, collaborative, competent, and inclusive service and support to the students, faculty, and staff of Edgecombe Community College.

Department Chair Receives Prestigious Teaching Award



Doug Parrish

Doug Parrish, chair of Industrial and Technical Trades, in August received the 2022 Hitachi Astemo Endowed Faculty Chair Award, which rewards excellence in teaching.

"Thank you so much for this wonderful honor," Parrish said in accepting the award. "I teach people how to earn more than their teachers, and it's a privilege to watch them learn and grow."

Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation, said in making the presentation, "While reviewing his portfolio as part of our selection process, I was amazed by the various certifications he has obtained over the years. The majority of these are directly related to his impact on students and their future earning power."

Parrish joined ECC in 2000 as coordinator of business and industry projects with local industries. In 2002, he transitioned to the faculty as a department chair and instructor. As chair of Industrial and Technical Trades, he oversees programs in electrical/electronics technology, industrial and technical trades, industrial systems, and manufacturing technology.

The Hitachi Astemo Endowed Faculty Chair Award is the highest distinction the college can bestow on a member of its faculty. As the chair holder, Parrish receives \$2,500 and a chair with an engraved brass nameplate.

Rocky Mount Rotary Club Presents \$30,000 to ECC



From left are RM Rotary and ECC representatives Lyn Brown, Kristen Brabble, Dr. Greg McLeod, ECC student Guadalupe Valdez-Marroquin, Lynwood Roberson, Sherlock McDougald, and Christy Warrick.

In October, the Rocky Mount Rotary Club presented ECC with \$30,000 to support student scholarships.

The presentation took place during a Rotary event, during which Rotary leaders awarded \$90,000 in scholarship funds to support local students attending Edgecombe and Nash community colleges and North Carolina Wesleyan University.

The funds were raised through Tackle the Tar, an annual 5K obstacle course race that generates funds to support local college students. The event is sponsored by the Rocky Mount Rotary Club.

"We are very grateful for this generous support from the Rocky Mount Rotary Club," says ECC President Dr. Greg McLeod. "This gift is not only an investment in our students and higher education, but it is also an investment in the future of our community."

Over the past five years, the Rocky Mount Rotary Club has donated \$405,000 to local colleges for scholarships.

Tarboro Rotary Strengthens ECC Public Safety

The Tarboro Rotary Club contributed \$4,000 to ECC public safety programs in August. The organization holds an annual Field of Honor fundraiser, and a portion of proceeds from the event support the college's fire/EMS and Basic Law Enforcement Training programs. Each program received \$2,000. From left are ECC President Dr. Greg McLeod, who serves as president of Tarboro Rotary; Adam Culbertson, fire and EMS coordinator; and Bernie Taylor, BLET school director.



Lynwood Roberson and Beth Carraway, regional coordinator of the PTK Carolinas Region

ECC Foundation Leader Tapped for International Award

Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation, received in March an International Distinguished College Administrator Award from Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for students attending two-year schools.

Roberson is one of only 28 college administrators selected for the international distinction. He was nominated by Edgecombe's Alpha Omega Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

"I am humbled beyond words and incredibly honored," Roberson says.

The award is based on support provided to the Phi Theta Kappa organization.

Roberson joined the ECC staff in 2018. He directs ECC Foundation events and initiatives, spearheads fund-raising efforts, and collaborates with alumni, business leaders, community members, and other stakeholders to increase and maintain the Foundation's visibility. He has nearly 25 years of experience leading nonprofit organizations.

"Though he has been at the helm of the ECC Foundation for only four years, Mr. Roberson's impact on Phi Theta Kappa members and other students has been substantial," says Tamara Frank-Pourvady, advisor to Phi Theta Kappa and coordinator of the Tutoring Center at the college.

"Thanks to his leadership, the ECC Foundation has for the first time ever subsidized key PTK initiatives, such as covering the registration fee to last year's virtual international conference which enabled our students to attend remotely."

Golf Tournament Supports Scholarships



Kanban Logistics took first place in the first flight, with team members (l-r) Glenn Warren, Shane Floars, Harold Hobgood, and Tommie Deal.



DeLoatch & Hinton, PLLC, won first place in the second flight, played by team members (l-r) Edwin Crute, Blake Hinton, Chad Hinton, and Jonathan Cobb.



ECC placed first in the third flight, with team members (l-r) Michael Starling, Dr. Bruce Panneton, Sylvia Cobb, and Al Carroll.

The ECC Foundation's 36th Annual Golf Tournament raised more than \$26,000 for student scholarships at ECC.

The tournament was held in September at Maccripine Country Club in Macclesfield. Thirty-two teams competed in the tournament, which is the largest fundraiser held by the ECC Foundation.

"It was picture-perfect weather, the players enjoyed a great day of golf, and the volunteers were tremendous," says Lynwood Roberson, executive director of the ECC Foundation. "The golfers have a great time, and our students are the beneficiaries. It's a win-win event for everyone."

Hitachi Astemo was the corporate sponsor of the golf tournament.

Silver sponsors were Barnhill Contracting Company; EP Mart; First Carolina Bank of Rocky Mount; Which Wich; Hartcom; Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Cooperative; Southern Bank; DeLoatch & Hinton, PLLC; Infinity Link Communications; LS Cable & System USA; Brady Trane Service; and United Bank.

Student Ambassadors Announced

ECC is proud to announce Student Ambassadors for 2022-2023:

- Fernando Baez, Business Administration
- Brinkley Dew, Edgecombe Early College High School, Agribusiness Technology
- Crystal Gray, Surgical Technology
- Jaleesa Walston, Nursing

The ECC Foundation sponsors the Student Ambassador program each year to reward academic excellence. Student Ambassadors must maintain a 3.25 grade point average.



Student Ambassadors are (l-r) Jaleesa Walston, Crystal Gray, Fernando Baez, and Brinkley Dew. Far right is Teresa Bottoms, student support counselor and Student Ambassador advisor.

2022 ECC Giving Circles

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Tasha Jones Butts
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Davida Jones
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Jacqueline Jones
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Steven Jones
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June Kearney
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Linda Mann
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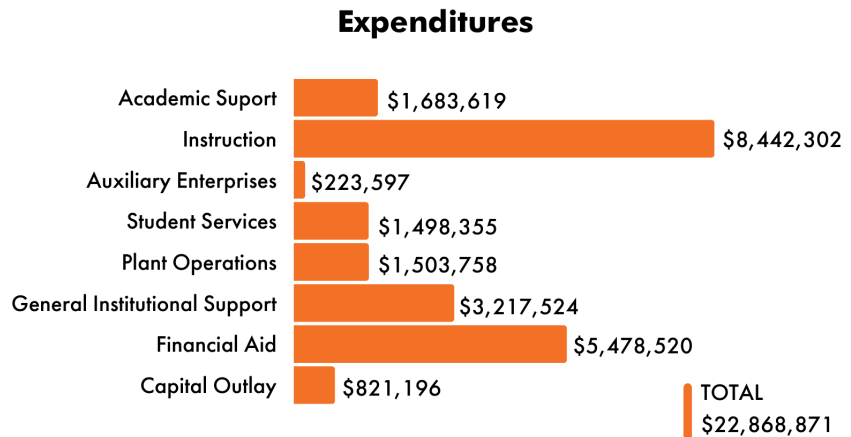
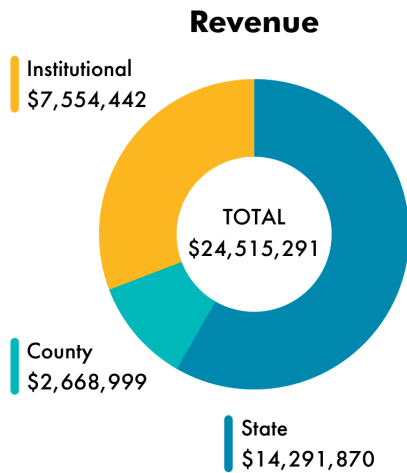
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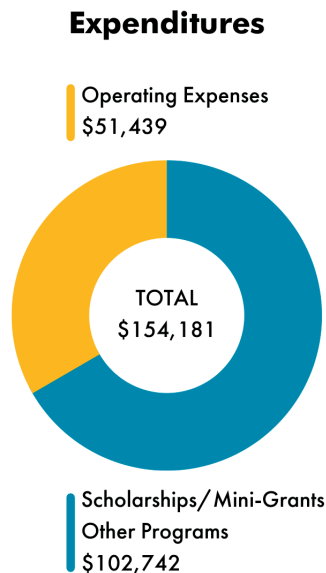
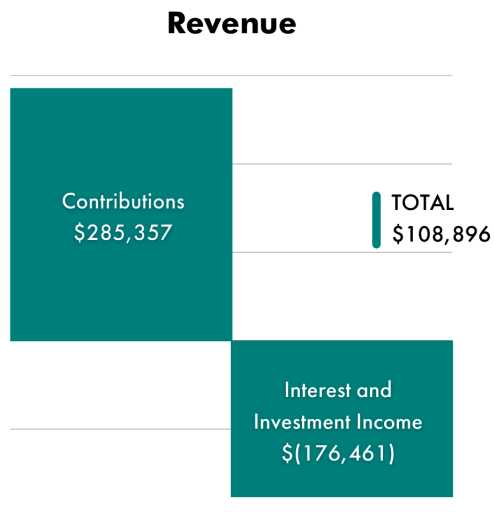
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