

SACAD ANNUAL MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS



J. Noah Brown

The SACAD Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia on December 4, 2016 was a huge success. Attended by nearly 200 two year college presidents and other administrators, the keynote speaker, Noah Brown, President of ACCT, delivered remarks about what community colleges might expect given the political changes expected in Washington in 2017. He spoke about the current challenges as well as the implications for funding, increased

scrutiny, and accreditation.

The business session included a briefing from SACAD Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. George D. Edwards, who reported on the association membership and financial position. Membership was anticipated to be equal to the prior year's level of 200 and the associations finances were excellent with an increase in net income for the year.

Awards were presented to outgoing board members. Dr. Gary McGaha, President of Atlanta Metropolitan State College (GA) had served as a SACAD Board member from 2010-2016 and held the offices of vice-president, president and past president (for two

years). Dr. Walter Bartlett, President of Piedmont Community College (NC) had served as a board member from 2012-2016 and served as vice president for two years. Dr. Bartlett intends to retire as President of Piedmont Community College in June 2017.

The annual meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Dallas, Texas on December 3, 2017 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Luncheon tickets for the event are \$35. Please register for the event as you register for the SACSCOC meeting through their registration process. More information will be available regarding the luncheon at the end of the summer. Please see the website at www.sacad.org for more information as it becomes available.

SACAD BOARD PLANS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The SACAD Board has selected Professional Development as its theme for 2017. In addition to the annual luncheon, a concurrent session is being planned for Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the SACSCOC annual meeting. A survey of potential topics is being sent to presidents of member colleges and the professional development committee of SACAD will use this information to design the session. More information will be available regarding this activity in late summer.

CURRENT MEMBERS RENEW MEMBERSHIP TODAY

The SACAD Board invites current members to renew their membership with SACAD. Institutional membership dues are \$150.00. Dues notices will be mailed to all potential members on June 1, 2017. Dues may be paid by check or credit card.

Please contact Dr. George D. Edwards, Executive Secretary-Treasurer at gdedwards930@gmail.com, 606-424-8867, or see the SACAD website at www.sacad.org for more information.

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ALABAMA

JIMMY H. BAKER NAMED CHANCELLOR



Mr. Jimmy H. Baker

The Alabama Community College System board of trustees named Mr. Jimmy H. Baker as chancellor effective April 1, 2017.

Mr. Baker replaced Mark Heinrich, who decided to retire after a prolonged illness kept him away from the job.

Baker began his K-12 education career as a teacher and coach at Daleville High School. He quickly moved up the ranks in education administration, first being named superintendent in Daleville, later becoming superintendent for Coffee County, and then moving to the State Department of Education as assistant superintendent for finance. As assistant state superintendent, Baker oversaw all budgets and financial reports for the state education office, local school systems and the community college system.

From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Baker served as state finance director under Gov. Fob James. As the state's top financial official, Baker had broad responsibilities over a range of government functions, including purchasing, contracting, information technology, insurance, and bonds. As finance director, Baker also developed and secured passage of the Foundation Program to allocate school funds more fairly. He implemented the program during a short-term assignment as a deputy state superintendent. In addition to his public sector experience, Baker has a significant track record in the private sector. For 10 years, he served as president of the brokerage firm George M. Wood & Co. He also managed large-scale real estate developments and operated several private partnership businesses, including a medical evacuation company.

Baker became chief of staff at the community college system in January 2016 and was named acting chancellor in August, 2016.

COLLEGE AWARDED \$1.92M GRANT FOR TRAINING CENTER

Bevill State Community College (BSCC) has received a nearly \$2 million grant to fund a new training center.

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) announced BSCC will receive an Economic Diversification Award in the amount of \$1,920,000. The grant will allow the Jasper campus to create a Rapid Training Center as part of BSCC's POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) 2016 initiative that will serve as a regional workforce training and job placement hub in northwest Alabama.

ARC says Jasper and surrounding areas were deeply affected by the closure of coal mines and coal-fired power generation facilities, and the Rapid Training Center will allow for further workforce training programs. ARC has invested \$47 million in communities impacted by the coal industry since 2015.



Bevill State Community College

Training program participants will have an opportunity to receive credentials or retraining in welding, commercial trucking, health care, print reading, rigging and hydraulics/pneumatics.

Through a partnership with AARP, a segment of the program will be tailored for people over 50 years old, and the Alabama Department of Labor will offer \$1,000 in scholarships for those affected by the loss of coal industry jobs. The center is said to train 4,000 individuals and provide a benefit for 40 regional businesses.

Bevill State's grant is one of 28 distributed in five Appalachian states, totaling \$26 million in funding for areas strained from coal industry decline. The grants will help create or conserve 2,500 jobs.

FLORIDA

PSC WINS NATIONAL 2017 BELLWETHER AWARD

From an initial field of 2,500 applicants, Pensacola State College won the prestigious, national 2017 Bellwether Award in the Instructional Programs and Services category at the Community College Futures Assembly in January.

Sponsored by the University of Florida's Institute of Higher Education, the CCFA focuses on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs that other colleges might find worthy of replicating.

Since the Bellwether awards were established in 1985, Pensacola State College is only the fourth college in Florida to be selected as a winner in the Instructional Programs and Services category and the sixth winner from Florida in all categories. The last time a Florida college won this award was in 2006.

The Bellwether Award has been compared to football's Heisman Award because it is competitively judged and is given by peers in community colleges across the country, with no cash award.



L-R: Ed Meadows, Brenda Kelly, Michael Johnston, Kirk Bradley, Erin Spicer and Vasanth Ramachandran

Pensacola State's virtual tutoring program won the Bellwether for its data-backed success in helping students to complete math and science courses with higher grades and lower withdrawal rates.

The college's virtual tutoring program provides more accessible, convenient assistance for students by allowing them to see and talk to well-trained tutors when they can't come to campus due to illness, family or work commitments, or distance. Virtual tutoring is available throughout the day and late into the evening on weekdays and on weekends.

Accepting the award at the CCFA ceremony were PSC President Ed Meadows, along with Michael Johnston who was instrumental in designing and implementing the project and Kirk Bradley who assisted in implementing and expanding the program.

Johnston summed up the strength of the virtual tutoring program with the example of "Linda," a 60-year-old student who lives in Century, too far from campus to get personal tutoring. Through the virtual tutoring program, she completed two math classes that she previously had been unable to complete.

GEORGIA

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA TO ASSUME MANAGEMENT OF GEORGIA VETERANS CAREER TRANSITION RESOURCE CENTER

Georgia's public higher education systems, the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia, are committed to serving our nation's active-duty service men and women, veterans and their families. Georgia's public higher education institutions are frequently recognized in independent national rankings for their commitment and quality of service to veterans and active duty military.

Middle Georgia State University and Central Georgia

Technical College have been proud to partner to develop and launch the Georgia Veterans Career Transition Resource Center, a state public higher education instructional and support facility specially designed to serve active-duty service personnel and veterans and their family members. Opening in August 2016, VECTR has already served 4,000 veterans and their families.



Georgia Veterans Career Transition Resource Center

While TCSG and USG will continue to partner closely in serving those who served our country, Central Georgia Technical College will manage the operations and services provided at VECTR effective July 1, 2017. Middle Georgia State's Office of Veteran and Military Services will continue to provide the highest levels of support to military personnel and veterans through programs and services offered on its five campuses in the Middle Georgia region and online.

KENTUCKY

ASPEN TOP TEN

West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) was recognized in an award ceremony on March 14, 2017 in Washington, DC, as one of the top ten community colleges nationally in the bi-annual Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. During the ceremony, WKCTC was recognized for:

- Achieving a strong three-year graduation/transfer rate (47% compared to 39% nationally)
- Utilization of data to improve student learning, exceptional culture to get faculty engaged in improving teaching/learning that has led to measurable improvements in student success

As noted in the Aspen Institute's extensive review, WKCTC has earned a place on the ten finalists' list every year the Prize has been awarded (2011, 2013, and 2015) and was named a finalist-with-distinction in 2011 and 2015.

GIVING BACK AWARD

Natalie Gibson, M.P.A., system director for Cultural Diversi-



Natalie Gibson

ty, is one of 39 recipients nationwide of the 2017 Giving Back Award presented by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. The award honors college and university administrators who go above and beyond their daily leadership duties. Recipients were nominated by their colleagues and selected by INSIGHT Into Diversity based on their demonstration of social responsibility; involvement with students, faculty, staff and the community; and commitment to serving underrepresented populations. Honorees are recognized for their passion, dedication and support for diversity and inclusion.

NEW KCTCS VICE PRESIDENT



Dr. Larry Ferguson

Dr. Larry Ferguson has been named vice president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). He will oversee advancement, grants and contracts and alumni affairs. He also will serve as the executive director of the KCTCS Foundation.

A former KCTCS vice chancellor for Economic Development and Workforce Solutions, Ferguson has been serving as president of Bevill State Community College in Jasper, Alabama. He also has served in leadership positions at Ashland Community and Technical College and was an instructor there as well as the University of Charleston in Charleston, West Virginia.

NEW PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED FOR ECTC



Dr. Juston Pate

Dr. Juston Pate is the new president of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. Dr. Pate is an experienced leader who currently serves as provost at Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC). He recently served as interim president of Hazard Community and Technical College. During his time at MCTC, Dr. Pate also served as chief academic officer, interim academic dean and associate dean of academics. Prior to joining MCTC, Dr. Pate was principal of Mason County Area Technology

Center and served in various roles for the school district, including teaching there as well as Harlan County High School.

Dr. Pate earned a doctorate in higher education leadership and organizational development from the University of Louisville. He earned a master's degree in educational administration and a Rank 1 certificate in instructional leadership from Morehead State University; a bachelor's degree in secondary English education; and an associate of arts degree from Southeast Community and Technical College.

NEW PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED FOR SKCTC



Dr. Vic Adams

Kentucky Community and Technical College System President Jay K. Box recently announced the appointment of Dr. Vic Adams as president/CEO of Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKCTC). Dr. Adams is an experienced leader who currently is chief Workforce Solutions Officer and vice president at SKCTC. He also is the Middlesboro campus director. Adams recently served as interim president/CEO of Gateway Community and Technical College. He has been

affiliated with SKCTC in various leadership and teaching positions since 1997.

Dr. Adams earned a doctorate in community college leadership from Mississippi State University, an educational master's degree in administration from Lincoln Memorial University and a bachelor's degree in arts and sciences from the University of Kentucky.

DEDICATION OF NEW CAMPUS

Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) officially opened its new Georgetown-Scott County Campus, Advanced Manufacturing Center, with a dedication ceremony. The new facility is located in Georgetown, Ky., and focuses on high-skill manufacturing job training and supports general education courses for Scott County and the Bluegrass Region.

Partnering with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK) since 1987, BCTC and TMMK developed in 2006 a unique "work and learn" training model called the Advanced Manufacturing Technician program to increase the pipeline of skilled workers. Now, 17 companies have joined the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (KYFAME) to create a structure that allows companies to innovate, adopt new technologies, and create talent.

The new campus features a 78,000 square-foot building that is expected to serve 1,200 students, with 12 full-time and 20 part-time faculty. Programming includes industrial maintenance, electronics, PLCs, industrial electricity, robotics, mechanical drives, fluid power, machining and welding.

LOUISIANA

LCTCS ANNOUNCES BLUE PRIDE AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and Dillard University (DU) jointly announced the LCTCS/DU Blue Pride Award Scholarship, an annual transfer scholarship worth up to \$5,000 for active Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society student members who wish to transfer to DU upon completion of an associate's degree at an LCTCS college. The scholarship will be a last dollar scholarship to fill the gap between tuition, mandatory fees, and awarded financial aid. Students who meet the LCTCS/DU Blue Pride Award Scholarship transfer guidelines will be guaranteed admission to DU after completing an application to the college.

"The Dillard University mission is critical to the success of African-American and other minority students," said LCTCS President Monty Sullivan. This scholarship ensures that our best and brightest will have a seamless on-ramp to Dillard University. Thanks to Dr. Walter Kimbrough for recognizing the value of transfer students and working with us to provide this tremendous opportunity."

Last academic year (15-16), the LCTCS had more than 15,800 students transfer to public and private four-year institutions across the country.

Students who are PTK graduates may receive the annual scholarship, contingent on the availability of funds, renewable for up to one year upon meeting the following criteria:

LCTCS and DU are committed to providing more transfer opportunities to those Louisiana citizens who want to pursue a bachelor's degree after completion of an associate degree at an LCTCS college. The LCTCS and DU seek to remove economic obstacles that prevent students who are active PTK Honor Society members from transferring to DU upon completion of an associate degree.

The LCTCS/DU Blue Pride Award Scholarship formally recognizes that through increased transfer opportunities, the LCTCS and DU are collaboratively providing more ways than ever before for students to pursue their higher education dreams. The LCTCS/DU Blue Pride Award Scholarship will assist the LCTCS in quadrupling transfer students, a goal of Our Louisiana 2020, and will assist DU in recruiting exceptional academic students.

MISSISSIPPI

Mi-BEST PROGRAM AACC FINALIST

In November, 2016 the Mississippi Community College Board office nominated the Mi-BEST program for the American Association of Community College's (AACC) 2017 College/Corporate Partnership Award of Excellence Award. Mississippi integrated Basic Education and Skills Training or Mi-BEST program simultaneously integrates adult basic education and high school equivalency attainment with career and technical training. Participants have opportunities to earn the credentials they need for work and are able to transition into the workforce at a much faster rate. The Mi-BEST program was one of four national finalists at the annual AACC conference in New Orleans. The other three finalists were Catawba Valley Community College in North Carolina, Lee College in Texas, and Olympic College in Washington.

DR. WILLIAM A. LEWIS TO RETIRE



Dr. William A. Lewis

Dr. William A. Lewis, the president of Pearl River Community College (PRCC) since July 2000, will retire June 30, 2017 with almost 50 years of public service in various Mississippi educational institutions.

During Dr. Lewis' tenure as head of Pearl River Community College, the school has experienced a significant growth in enrollment, developed a national reputation for excellence in teaching and learning, produced a national championship in football, and is widely recognized for the high quality of its arts programs. He was also the driving force behind campus reconstruction following Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 29, 2005.

MR. MIKE EATON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Mike Eaton

Itawamba Community College President Mike Eaton has announced that he plans to retire June 30, ending a 43-year career that has included several leadership positions as well as head football coach. Eaton became the sixth President of ICC on July 1, 2013. He is credited with providing the leadership for every major initiative the College has undertaken in the last few years including chairman of the Institutional Effectiveness task force, which focused on student persistence, the improvement of retention and an increase in the graduation rate.

During Eaton's tenure, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has named Itawamba Community College one of the nation's top 150 community colleges three times, and WalletHub has selected ICC as sixth best in the nation.

NORTH CAROLINA

DR. JAMES C. WILLIAMSON NAMED NEW SYSTEM PRESIDENT



Dr. James C. Williamson

The North Carolina Community College System's newly elected President, Dr. James C. "Jimmie" Williamson, who began his role as the eighth System President on July 1, 2016, was installed on April 10, 2017 at 10 AM at the Robert L. and Elizabeth S. Cole Auditorium and Community Center on the campus of Richmond Community College.

Dr. Williamson, holds a B.V.A and M.Ed. from Winthrop University, as well as a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, has a background steeped in education, business, economic development, workforce development and community service. Most recently, he served two years as the System President and CEO of the South Carolina Technical College system, where the highlights of his tenure included working with South Carolina university partners to smooth transfer pathways, chairing a special Senate proviso committee to develop a comprehensive workforce development strategy to help close the skills gap, and working with companies such as Volvo, Michelin, Continental, BMW and more on industry-specific worker training. Additionally, he has been at the helm of South Carolina's nationally recognized apprenticeship program and was named State Employee of The Year by the South Carolina Association of Regional Councils in 2015.

DR. KANDI DEITEMEYER CHOSEN TO BE NEXT CPCC PRESIDENT



Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer

Central Piedmont Community College's (CPCC) Board of Trustees has chosen Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer to be the college's fourth president. She will succeed Dr. Tony Zeiss, who has been the CPCC president for 24 years.

Dr. Deitemeyer's career path began at Polk Community College, where she graduated with an associate in arts. From there, she went on to earn a bachelor of mass communications and public relations, a master of counselor education and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of South Florida.

Dr. Deitemeyer came to the College of The Albemarle in 2010 from Davidson County Community College in Thomasville, N.C., where she served as vice president of academic programs and services. Prior to that, she

served as the college provost for Gateway Community and Technical College in Covington, Ky.; as vice president of student services and dean of student services at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, N.C.; and in multiple administrative roles at the University of South Florida in Lakeland and Polk Community College in Winter Haven, Fla.

Dr. Tony Zeiss announced his plans to retire from the college in February 2016. In December 1992, he became the third president of CPCC, one of the largest colleges in the Carolinas, now serving approximately 70,000 individuals per year. During his historic tenure, the college has grown from one campus to six and is highly regarded as a national leader in workforce development. Under Zeiss' leadership, the college's annual operating budget has grown from \$46.7 million to approximately \$200 million.

DR. DAVID HEATHERLY NEW PRESIDENT OF COASTAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Dr. David Heatherly

Dr. David Heatherly became the 3rd President of Coastal Carolina Community College (CCCC) on January 1, 2017.

Dr. Heatherly has served as Coastal's executive vice president since 2000. He cited a strong working relationship with long-time President Dr. Ronald Lingle.

Dr. Heatherly's duties as executive vice president primarily dealt with internal operations at the college. He said that one of the major changes as president is that he'll be more involved in "external" affairs and the college's relationships within the community.

Dr. Heatherly grew up in the East Tennessee area, but when he left graduate school his search for a job brought him back to Eastern North Carolina; he was born at Cherry Point, North Carolina while his father was in the Marine Corps. He taught math for a year at Lejeune High School before joining Coastal Carolina Community College in 1978 as a math instructor.

Dr. Heatherly said Dr. Lingle was hired as president at the college 10 years after he arrived and a year later he was promoted by Dr. Lingle to his first administrative job as dean of College Transfer. Before becoming executive vice president, Dr. Heatherly also held positions as vice president for Instruction and Student Services.

Dr. Heatherly earned a Master of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a Bachelor of Science from Tennessee Technological University.

NEW PRESIDENT SELECTED AT SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Dr. Maria Pharr

Dr. Maria Pharr became president of South Piedmont Community College on January 3, 2017.

She has extensive experience in a variety of roles at community colleges, including faculty, staff and administration, as well as state-level positions. She previously served as Executive Director of BioNetwork and Life Science Initiatives, a statewide workforce development program within the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) that supports the bioscience industry sector.

Prior to her position with the NCCCS, Dr. Pharr was the Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pitt Community College in Greenville, NC. She also served in a number of roles at Craven Community College (New Bern, NC), including Biology Instructor, Department Chair, Director of Planning and Assessment, and then Dean of Liberal Arts and University Transfer. Pharr began her professional career as a Field Chemist with the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Dr. Pharr holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from St. Andrews University and earned her Master of Arts in Science Education and Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from East Carolina University.

WYNEGAR BECOMES 10TH PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE



Dr. Robert Wynegar

The Board of Trustees of College of The Albemarle (COA) selected Robert Wynegar, EdD to serve as the college's tenth president. He began his employment with the College of The Albemarle effective April 17, 2017.

Dr. Wynegar was the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Western Nevada College, located in Carson City, Nevada. Previously, he served as the Dean of Associate of Arts at Hillsborough Community College in Florida. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Master of Science in Mathematics from Tennessee Technological University, a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, TN, and a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Valdosta State University in Georgia.

MICHAEL ELAM FIFTH PRESIDENT OF HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Dr. Michael Elam

Dr. Michael Elam, the former president of Ahoskie's Roanoke-Chowan Community College, was chosen as the new leader of Halifax Community College

Dr. Elam becomes HCC's fifth president pending approval of the state community college board.

"Dr. Elam came highly recommended by presidents of other community colleges around the state," said Michael Felt, chair of the HCC board.

DR. DAVID LOOPE NAMED 6TH PRESIDENT OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Dr. David Loope

The BCCC Board of Trustees has selected Dr. David Loope as the next President of Beaufort County Community College. On June 1, 2017, pending approval from the NC State Board of Community Colleges, he will become the sixth president of BCCC.

Dr. Loope currently serves as Vice President of Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer and Professor at Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia. During his seven years at Reynolds CC, Dr. Loope oversaw all academic programs across four schools and three campuses. He developed the college's first Center for Faculty Engagement and restructured the Center for Distance Learning. He has experience with dual enrollment initiatives with public schools and established Reynold's first Developmental Education Advisory Committee.

His experience is not limited to the curriculum side. He was recently named Interim Vice President of the Community College Workforce Alliance, where he approved contracts to provide local business and industry partners with non-credit and credit workforce training.

During his 26 years in education, has also worked with Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, VA and Trident Technical College in Charleston, SC. Dr. Loope holds a Doctor of Education in Higher Education from The College of William and Mary, a Master of Arts in English from Wake Forest University and a Bachelors of Arts in English from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

DR. KENNETH BOHAM NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT OF MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On January 25, during a special called meeting of the Martin Community College (MCC) Trustees, the board voted unanimously to make Dr. Kenneth Boham the Interim Presi-



Dr. Kenneth Boham

dent of MCC. Most recently, Dr. Boham was the President of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCCTI) from 1995 until his retirement on July 29, 2016.

During his tenure at CCCTI, the College saw phenomenal growth in both student population and facilities. Under his leadership, the College became a state model in the development of “seamless education” through

the Career Center Middle College, the Appalachian State University Center and the Caldwell Early College High School, all located on the college campus. His pioneering spirit also led to increased funding for significant expansion of campus facilities and technology to increase programming and services within the region.

SOUTH CAROLINA

2017 PHI THETA KAPPA ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

The SC Technical College System recently recognized its 2017 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team at a ceremony on April 27th. The keynote speaker was Dr. John Lesaine a native of Manning, South Carolina and a Newberry College alumnus. He earned his Doctor of Education in Sport Management from the United States Sports Academy. Dr. Lesaine has taught in Newberry College’s Department on Sport Professions since August 2012. Dr. Lesaine higher education came full circle at the event as he began his journey as a dually-enrolled high school student at Central Carolina Technical College before going on to Newberry College.

Thirty-four (34) students representing all 16 of South Carolina’s technical colleges were honored at the event. The group was very diverse with some enrolled at a technical college immediately after high school graduation and some enrolled several years later. Many represented work full-time jobs in addition to going to school. The group consisted of parents and veterans and many community service volunteers.

APPRENTICESHIP CAROLINA™ SURPASSES KEY MILESTONE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Apprenticeship Carolina, a program of the SC Technical College System, today announced that the program has surpassed its 2020 goal of 20,000 apprentices three years ahead of schedule.

Established in 2007, Apprenticeship Carolina works to increase the awareness and use of registered apprenticeships in the state. Apprenticeship Carolina is South Carolina’s official liaison for registering programs with the



2017 South Carolina Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team

U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). Growth in registered apprenticeship across the state has been phenomenal.

Since its inception in 2007, the number of programs has increased nine-fold from 90 to 877 registered programs. The number of apprentices is currently just over 26,000 — up from a mere 777 in 2007.

A study conducted by the SC Chamber of Commerce in 2003 found that a systematic structure should be created for encouraging the development of apprenticeship training opportunities statewide. The study also suggested the best central organization for promoting apprenticeship programs in the state would be the SC Technical College System.



Apprentice receiving on-the-job training/mentoring at MTU

An apprenticeship is a time-tested method of employee development that combines supervised on-the-job learning and job-related education. A program “registered” with USDOL shows an employer’s visible commitment to developing a high-quality workforce that meets nationally recognized training standards. Registered apprenticeship programs also enable employees to receive incremental wage increases as they demonstrate new competencies throughout the training program. Companies across South Carolina can build a highly-skilled workforce through on-the job training combined with job-related education allowing talented employees to realize their full potential. Apprenticeship programs provide standardized training and operational consistency that in turn ensure reliable workforce performance.

TENNESSEE

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment at the TN Community Colleges was fairly flat this spring. Colleges continue to lose adult students and gain TN Promise students. Overall the change in head-count from spring 2016 to 2017 was -1.9%. The Full Time Equivalent FTE enrollment changed by -0.5%.

Enrollment for fall 2018 is expected to increase when the new Adult Reconnect Scholarships become available using lottery funds. It will be a last dollar grant for tuition and mandatory fees.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

This legislative session was very productive for the Community Colleges in TN. There is an increase of \$20 million (recurring) for operating budgets in the TN Board of Regents community and technical colleges and system office. This funding was based on outcomes at the institutions.

The TBR institutions and the 6 regional universities will receive a one-time appropriation of \$3,950,000 to replace doors, locks and panic bars to improve campus security. Capital maintenance funds of \$26.9 million were approved for 31 projects at the Community and Technical Colleges.

The Legislature also approved a Tennessee Support, Training and Renewing Opportunity for National Guardsmen (STRONG) Act. This Act creates a pilot (pilot will end in June 2021) last dollar tuition reimbursement program for TN National Guard members to attend public universities, community colleges and private colleges and universities that are regionally accredited and that have their primary campus in TN.

The legislature passed bills that require each local school system to offer students the opportunity to take at least four early postsecondary credit courses in high school beginning in 2018-19.

The legislature also created the TN Middle College High School Scholarship using lottery funds. Students will receive \$600 per semester for junior and senior year.

The legislature passed the Campus Free Speech Protection Act which requires that public higher education embrace a commitment to free speech.

TEXAS

BLINN COLLEGE CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING

Blinn's 83,000-square-foot facility will open in time for the Fall 2018 semester

Educators, legislators, and elected officials from across the Brazos Valley and the State of Texas joined Blinn College and The Texas A&M University System to celebrate Blinn's groundbreaking at the RELLIS Campus on Friday, March 31, 2017.

The new campus establishes a new educational community combining a major university system and a community college at a single physical location. This co-location will allow Blinn College students to transfer seamlessly to leading universities throughout The Texas A&M System in the years to come.

The site creates opportunities for Blinn to partner with other organizations and institutions located on the RELLIS Campus, including high-end, innovative, private research and development companies, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).



From left: Blinn College District President/CEO Dr. Mary Hensley, Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, and Blinn College Board of Trustees President David Sommer.

MIDLAND COLLEGE ALIGNS MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM FOR CAREER ATTAINMENT AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Midland College (MC) is a state leader in developing new community college mathematics curriculum. As one of nine partner community colleges in a project coordinated through The Charles A. Dana Center at The University of Texas, MC designed a systemic approach to improving student success and completion in math courses. The resulting curriculum developed by MC math faculty supports student career goals by implementing processes, strategies and structures built around mathematics pathways.

"Many students who enroll in community colleges do not score high enough on college entrance exams for college-level math," explained Dr. Margaret Wade, Midland College

dean of Mathematics, Natural Science and Kinesiology. “In the past, these students had to take sometimes as many as three developmental math classes that were a precursor to College Algebra. Developmental math courses were always a tremendous hurdle to overcome for many of our students. The new curriculum is designed to teach practical math applications that focus on math for specific careers.”

Wade said that MATH 0481 is designed for students who are not entering the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields; whereas students who are interested in pursuing careers in STEM, business and education should take MATH 0482. Both classes are designed to be taught in one-hour segments



Midlands student

four days a week, and students are required to spend one hour each week in the MC Math Lab. Once students successfully complete each semester-long course, they are ready for college-level math courses.

The new curriculum is now also providing a model for other states. Midland College Mathematics Center Coordinator Alma Brannan has been working with the state of Virginia to align curriculum with career pathways. On March 3-4, Brannan along with Russell Self from Trinity Valley Community College and Stephanie Andrews from Lone Star Community College System led a workshop at Germanna Community College in Fredericksburg, VA on incorporating active learning into math courses. Virginia is using the Texas model as a foundation for their new math curriculum.

As MC sees success with its Mathematics pathways curriculum, faculty are also investigating ways to assist students with Math placement tests. The MC Math department has implemented a study tool called *EdReady* for both the TSI and Accuplacer assessments.

To access the study aids on *EdReady*, students create a FREE account and then choose the appropriate assessment study aid. Creating an account enables students to save their progress, which students need the most help.

VIRGINIA

GERMANNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT



Dr. Janet Gullickson

Dr. Janet Gullickson will become the sixth president of Germanna Community College, effective July 1, 2017.

Dr. Gullickson has presided over two community colleges, including her current position as the president of Spokane Falls Community College, a position she has held since 2012. Prior to that, she served two years as the chief academic officer for the second largest district of the Community Colleges of Spokane. Dr. Gullickson served as the president of Front Range Community College in Westminster, CO between 2004 and 2005. She was also the interim president and provost in Minnesota of what is now called the Northeast Higher Education District, which includes Ely, Eveleth and Virginia.

She holds a doctorate in education from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree from South Dakota State University and a bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota.

Gullickson will succeed Dr. David Sam, who has served as Germanna's president for nearly a decade. Sam announced last summer that he would retire at the end of the current academic year.

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT



Dr. Pat Huber

Dr. Pat Huber will become the next president of New River Community College, effective on or before July 1, 2017. Dr. Huber becomes the sixth person, and first woman, to serve as the college's permanent president. Her hiring ends a process that began with a national search, which attracted more than 90 candidates, and finished earlier this month with open-to-the-community visits of four finalists to the college.

Dr. Huber has worked in education for 41 years, and has worked at New River Community College since 1988 where she began as an adjunct English instructor. She began working at NRCC full time in 1992 as an assistant professor. From there, she rose through the ranks becoming an assistant division chair in 1999, a dean in 2005, and vice president for instruction and student services in 2007 – the position she holds today. Dr. Huber also served as the interim vice president for academic and student services at Wythe-

ville Community College during the spring and summer of 2003.

Dr. Huber earned a doctorate in community college leadership from Old Dominion University; a master's degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown; a bachelor's degree from Emory & Henry College in Emory, VA; and an associate degree from Wytheville Community College.

SHARED SERVICE CENTER ESTABLISHED FOR VIRGINIA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

As part of a longer-term strategy for increased efficiency and cost savings, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) has established a Shared Services Center. The 23 member colleges and the VCCS's system office are in the process of transitioning several administrative services functions, such as payroll/time and attendance, procurement, travel approval, and reimbursements, to the newly established shared services center.

Virginia's Community Colleges are pursuing a shared services approach to its administrative processes after internal research indicated that moving some of those processes into a collaborative shared-services environment would increase the organization's efficiency. The VCCS shared services center is phasing into operations with the goal of providing service to every Virginia community college and the VCCS system office in Richmond. Benefits typically realized through shared services centers include greater efficiencies, reduction of manual efforts, reduced errors, economies of scale, and greater automation.

VIP-PASS: VIRGINIA INTEGRATED PROGRAM OF PLANNING AND ADVISING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS) has contracted with Education Advisory Board for implementation of an onboarding and advising system, NAVIGATE, to support the VCCS VIP-PASS initiative. VIP-PASS is based on Achieving the Dream's Integrated Planning and Advising for Student Success (iPASS) strategy. This strategy seeks to accomplish transformational change through scaling comprehensive Guided Pathways reforms and improving advising. The implementation of the NAVIGATE software is an essential part to scaling Guided Pathways at Virginia's community colleges.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR MOUNTAIN EMPIRE CC

Dr. Kristen A. Westover will become the next president of Mountain Empire Community College. Dr. Westover becomes the seventh person, and second woman, to serve as the college's permanent president.

Dr. Westover has more than 25 years of experience in



Dr. Kristen Westover

higher education. She currently serves as the vice president for academic and student services at Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, a position she has held since 2011. Previously, she served as higher education program coordinator at the University of Texas in Austin, from 2009-2011. From 2008-2009, she served as director of technical programs for the Kansas Board of Regents. In 2016, the Aspen Institute selected Westover for inclusion in the inaugural class of its national Aspen Presidential Fellows program.

She holds a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and both a master's degree in instructional technology and a bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in Kansas.

Dr. Westover will succeed Dr. Scott Hamilton, who will retire at the end of June 2017, having served in that role since 2010.



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