

# SACJTC Southern Association of Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges

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### SACJTC Annual Luncheon Speaker



The SACJTC Board is pleased to announce that Joshua Wyner will be the luncheon speaker at the annual membership meeting to be held on Sunday, December 9, 2012 in Dallas, TX. Wyner is the Executive Director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, which aims to strengthen practice and develop leadership that substantially improves college student success.

Started in early 2011, the Program's first two initiatives are the New College Leadership Project, which works to create and strengthen programs that recruit and train college leaders who are driven by - and capable of - substantially improving student success, and the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, which strives to reward and shine a spotlight on community colleges that deliver exceptional student results and stimulate replication of successful campus practices.

Josh has spent 16 years as a nonprofit leader, initiating organizations aimed at improving educational outcomes and urban policy. From 2001-2009, Josh led the design and implementation of programs as Executive Vice President of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. There, he established national scholarship and grant-making programs for - and conducted original research about - high-achieving low-income students from elementary through graduate school. From 1995 to 2001, Josh was founding Executive Director of the DC Appliance Center, which analyzes and actively seeks to resolve problems affecting the daily lives of those who live and work in the Washington, DC area. During his tenure, DC Appliance led successful efforts to resolve Washington DC's \$5 billion unfunded pension liability and alter the structure of the DC Board of Education.

Josh spent his early career as an organizer and policy analyst with Citizen Action, a program evaluator at the US Government Accountability Office, and an attorney with Beveridge & Diamond. He is a graduate of Vassar College, holds a Master's in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and is a cum laude graduate of New York University School of Law.

Please make plans now to attend the SACJTC Annual Luncheon in Dallas, TX. The luncheon is from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Chantilly Ballroom East at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

### EDITOR ANNOUNCES WINNING PAPER FOR SACJTC JOURNAL



Dr. Brad Bostian



Dr. Clint McElroy

Dr. Matt Basham, Associate Professor, Community and Technical Colleges Workforce Development at Western Kentucky University and Editor of the SACJTC Journal, has announced the winning submission

for the call for papers for 2012. This year, the topic was for "Best Practices in Retention." The winning paper is entitled, "Cutting Course Withdrawal Rates and Improving Successful Course Completion At One Community College." The authors are Dr. Brad Bostian, Director of First Year Experience, and Dr. Clint McElroy, Dean of Retention, at Central Piedmont Community College. The article is published in its entirety on the SACJTC website at [www.sacjtc.org](http://www.sacjtc.org), under SACJTC Journal, Winning Paper for 2012.

### LIMITED NUMBER OF SACJTC LUNCHEON TICKETS AVAILABLE

The response by the representatives of member institutions for the annual SACJTC luncheon has been good. For those who registered for the luncheon through the SACS Convention registration process, your nametag will provide entrance to the luncheon.

For any individual who has not registered for the luncheon please contact Margarita Hampton at 606-886-7332 ([margarita.hampton@kctcs.edu](mailto:margarita.hampton@kctcs.edu)) to reserve a ticket. The ticket will be \$35 and available at the door.

## SSC Is Major Sponsor for Annual Meeting

The SACJTC Board is pleased to announce that SSC has committed again to become the major sponsor for the annual meeting and luncheon which is scheduled for December 9, 2012. Dr. Johnny Allen, President of Northeast Mississippi Community College



and current President of the Southern Association of Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges stated, "SSC is a wonderful business partner and they have been so generous to the Southern Association of Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges for many years. We are so happy they have agreed to be the Gold Level Sponsor for the 2012 annual meeting and luncheon."

For quality-focused educational institutions, SSC Service Solutions is the premium provider of cleaning and facilities services. Headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, SSC Service Solutions currently serves more than 80 accounts nationwide, exclusively in the Higher Education and K-12 market. With over 40 years of industry experience and highly trained skilled professionals, SSC Service Solutions is the choice for all of your support service needs. SSC provides the highest standard of customer service and measureable, consistent quality. They work with their clients to create a flexible, customizable, and cost-effective approach that meets the institution's goals and fits their budgets. SSC Service Solutions provides superior quality in three main areas of facility management:

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- ◆ Grounds Management

All in the name of enhancing the image of your school, their goal is to create a safe, attractive, pleasing environment for students, faculty, parents, and visitors. Everything they do is focused on creating an ideal environment for learning. This is what they mean by sustaining a learning environment, which reflects their service objectives for the facilities they maintain as well as their commitment to developing their associates through continuing education. Boasting a 95% customer account retention rate, SSC currently serves some of the most prestigious school districts and colleges throughout the country. They have earned their reputation by delivering high-quality cleaning programs consistently, while remaining flexible to meet the needs of a diverse customer base.

## SACJTC Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 9, 2012  
12:00 n – 1:30 p.m.

Hilton Anatole  
Chantilly Ballroom East  
Dallas, Texas

### ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, December 9, 2012  
12:00 n - 1:30 p.m.

#### PRESIDING

**Dr. Johnny L. Allen**

President, Northeast Mississippi Community College

#### WELCOME

**Dr. Johnny L. Allen**

#### INVOCATION

**Dr. Gary A. McGaha**

President, Atlanta Metropolitan College

#### BUSINESS SESSION

*Financial Report*

**Dr. George D. Edwards**

President, Big Sandy Community and Technical College

*Recognition of Sponsors*

**Dr. Sheryl Smith Kappus**

President, Hill College

*Recognition of New Presidents and Retiring Presidents*

**Dr. Karen Bowyer**

President, Dyersburg State Community College

*Recognition of Board Members and Officers*

**Dr. Johnny L. Allen**

President, Northeast Mississippi Community College

#### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

**Dr. George D. Edwards**

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Joshua Wyner**

Executive Director, Aspen Institute College Excellence Program  
"Community College Excellence: Building Culture and Practice for Student Success"

#### DOOR PRIZES

**Dr. Helen T. McAlpine**

President, J.F. Drake State Technical College

## News From The States

### ALABAMA

#### HEINRICH CHOSEN TO LEAD ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM



*Dr. Mark A. Heinrich*

The State Board of Education recently voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Mark A. Heinrich to lead the Alabama Community College System. Formerly the president of Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, a position he held since 2008, Heinrich stated "I am truly humbled by the great level of confidence the Alabama State Board of Education members put in me. I love the Alabama Community College System and I believe in the work that we do. I am looking forward to meeting this new challenge head on and getting to work. We have a lot of work ahead of us but with the support of the individuals within the System and at the Department of Postsecondary Education, we will get it done."

Heinrich holds a doctorate in counseling from The University of Alabama, and earned B.S. and M.A. degrees in psychology from Tennessee Tech University. His higher education career spans more than 30 years, during which he's held leadership roles in academic, student service and technical/vocational areas. During the time he was completing his graduate degree at The University of Alabama, Heinrich served on Coach Paul Bear Bryant's staff as an academic counselor and tennis coach. Before returning to Tuscaloosa in 2008 as president of Shelton State, Heinrich worked for Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, TN as a faculty member and administrator. In addition to positions in academia, he worked as a private practitioner in psychology and serves on numerous community and academic boards.

Following the appointment, Gov. Robert Bentley spoke of Heinrich's ability to lead the System, saying, "Dr. Heinrich had the knowledge and the experience that we were looking for to move this System forward. The job of being chancellor is no easy task but I know Dr. Heinrich is up for the challenge and he will get the job done."

Stephanie Bell, District III representative and vice president of the board, spoke of her confidence in the process that led to the board's decision. "We have had the opportunity to interview outstanding individuals from across the country, making the decision more difficult than we anticipated. I believe that ultimately we have an outstanding chancellor who will work to bring people together and unite the System in a way we have not experienced before."

### FLORIDA

#### SEMINOLE STATE PRESIDENT TO CO-CHAIR NATIONAL COMMITTEE



*Dr. E. Ann McGee*

Dr. E. Ann McGee, president of Seminole State College of Florida, has been named one of five co-chairs for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 21st-Century Initiative Implementation Steering Committee to assist in a national effort to reshape community colleges.

During the next 18 months, a group of approximately 100 educators from across the United States will be making recommendations to AACC regarding the implementation of the findings contained in the recent 21st-Century Commission Report on the Future of Community Colleges.

McGee will serve as a co-chair for the implementation initiative and will also co-chair the Implementation Team that will address documenting structured pathways for community college students to increase their completion rates by 50 percent by 2020.

Nine committees, or "implementation teams," are focusing on one or more of seven recommendations prepared by the AACC's 21st-Century Commission. The commission's report, "Reclaiming the American Dream," envisions major changes to the nation's community college system to prepare students for the global marketplace and to meet the national goal of significantly increasing degree and certificate attainment by 2020.

"The steering committee's primary responsibility will be to construct a road map – with a variety of streets, avenues and lanes – that colleges can adopt as they seek to enhance student success and create the pathway to success for their students," McGee says.

#### GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE OPENS UNIQUE MILITARY PARK

Gulf Coast State College recently dedicated its new Military Park, an unprecedented symbol honoring our armed forces and available for all members of the community to enjoy.

Envisioned when the College turned 50 in 2007, the Military Park is a permanent place of reflection and remembrance to honor the bravery and sacrifice of veterans and



active members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard and those who serve within those branches in the Reserves, National Guard and Merchant Marines.

The College's District Board of Trustees funded the

Park, and all contributions from the community and organizations are earmarked to improve and expand Gulf Coast's services for military students. The College works tirelessly to meet the unique demands of these students and help them excel in every way. E-Learning classes provide great flexibility for their complex schedules and distant deployments, and the satellite campus on the grounds of Tyndall Air Force Base offers active duty military, their spouses and families the classes they need in a convenient location.

"It's a continuous project," said Melissa Hagan, GSCS Chief Development Officer. "The Park is a beautiful place, a gateway to this area, and Gulf Coast wants to be a gateway to a new and improved life for our military students."

Brigadier General John K. McMullen, Commander, 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida, spoke to the crowd of citizens which included service members from World War II veterans to those currently active. "I've spoken at a lot of events honoring veterans, but I've never been involved in one that honored all branches of the service." McMullen praised Gulf Coast for its commitment to service members here and deployed around the globe. "This Park is another display of the College's support for our military. It's a natural for this campus and a lasting source of pride for the community."

## GEORGIA

### ATC TO RECEIVE \$1.2 MILLION SHARE OF CONSORTIUM GRANT

Albany Technical College (ATC) was recently one of three technical colleges in Georgia to be awarded a share of a \$13.6 million grant designed to enhance or add programs to prepare students to meet the needs of companies in the area of engineering technology. Albany Tech, Athens Technical College and Atlanta Technical College were all awarded a Consortium grant in the amount of \$13,551,923 for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Training (TAACCCT) initiative from the U.S. Department of Labor. Albany Tech's share will be approximately \$1.2 million over the next three-year period.

The three sister institutions, all part of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), will develop an integrated strategy that will add and/or enhance associate degree programs in the Engineering Technology field. This will be achieved by introducing embedded certificates to allow students in closely related programs, such as Industrial Systems Technology, to bridge into the engineering technology programs. The goal is to increase the number of graduates of associate degree programs in engineering technology in an effort to meet current and future workplace demands. In order to meet this goal, the three institutions must not only increase the number and types of programs available, but also implement initiatives that support students in accomplishing their educational goals, thus reducing the number who drop out of college. The integrated strategy will embed basic skills development into entry-level occupational courses, redesign the delivery of learning support coursework, provide additional methods of technology-enhanced instruction, expand prior learning assessments, introduce contextualized, problem-based pedagogy, and provide wraparound support services.

### NEW PRESIDENT AT GEORGIA PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Dr. Jabari  
Simama

The state board that oversees the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) approved Dr. Jabari Simama to be the president of Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC). His appointment was effective on September 1, 2012. He fills the vacancy left after the retirement of Dr. Robin Hoffman in July 2011. He was the county's deputy chief operating officer of development from 2009 to 2010.

Simama was the vice president for community development and external relations at Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., from 2005 to 2009. Before that, he was the executive director of community technology for the City of Atlanta from 2000 to 2005. He served as the City of Atlanta's chief of the office of marketing and communications from 1998 to 2000. His career in higher education includes teaching positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Clark Atlanta University, Morgan State University, University of Cincinnati, and Atlanta Junior College (now Atlanta Metropolitan State College).

### TCSG STATE BOARD VOTES TO MERGE TWO GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGES

The state board of the Technical College System of Georgia has given their approval to merge the admin-

istrations of Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) in Macon and Middle Georgia Technical College (MGTC) in Warner Robins.

The board's action came during their monthly meeting, which was held in Savannah on September 26, 2012. The merger will create Georgia's second-largest technical college. Last year, CGTC and MGTC, had a combined enrollment of 16,027 students in technical education programs. Only Chattahoochee Technical College in Marietta enrolled more. Once the CGTC-MGTC merger is complete, the system will have successfully merged 17 colleges into eight, leaving 24 colleges statewide.

## INTERIM PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPOINTED



Dr. Ivan Allen, the president of Middle Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins, has been appointed to serve as the interim president of Central Georgia Technical College in Macon.

*Dr. Ivan Allen*

Dr. Allen has been the president of Middle Georgia Technical College since 2005. MGTC has experienced significant growth while under his leadership and, along with CGTC, provides valuable workforce training, adult education programs and economic development incentives for students, businesses and industries in the region served by the colleges. Allen has a doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University, master's of public administration from Georgia College and State University, and bachelor of arts from Morehouse College, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He is also a research scholar with the Ford Foundation, Campbell Foundation and Dana Foundation.

## KENTUCKY

### KCTCS PRESIDENT BEGINS ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

Dr. Michael B. McCall, President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, has begun an Engagement Initiative for 2012-2013 and as a part of that process, he is embarking on listening tours of the 16 KCTCS colleges from September 2012 through February 2013. His first stop on the listening tour was at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. At Big Sandy, Dr. McCall discussed transformation and the guiding principles that help define what it takes to be a premier community and technical college system. However, his primary goal was to receive feedback from employees and students!



*Dr. Michael B. McCall listens to BSCTC staff and faculty*

Visits to the three of the college's four campuses were filled with opportunities for faculty, staff and student interaction. Student skills demonstrations and one-on-one conversations with students in many of the technical and transfer programs set

the stage for informal dialogue and genuine interaction between students and Dr. McCall. Open forums on each campus provided both faculty and staff an opportunity to have open discussion and provide valuable input that will be used to develop a shared vision of KCTCS as a transformed organization.

### TWO KCTCS PRESIDENTS TO RETIRE IN 2013



*Dr. Bruce Ayers*

Dr. Bruce Ayers, President of Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, and Dr. Nathan Hodges, President of Bowling Green Technical College, have announced their retirements to be effective in the summer of 2013.

Ayers has been associated with Southeast for 47 years. After his discharge from the military in 1964, Ayers began attending Southeast as a student during the college's infancy when it was affiliated with the University of Kentucky. He continued his education at the University of Kentucky, where he received a Bachelor's degree in English, then returned to Southeast in 1969 as the Associate Director of the Upward Bound program – an outreach initiative that still holds a special place in Ayer's heart to this day. He taught English and went on to receive his Master's degree in English and his Doctorate in Higher Education. In 1987, he became the 8th president of Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College.

During his time as president of Southeast, Ayers has also been responsible for considerable growth to the college. Under his leadership, four extended campuses opened in Harlan, Whitesburg, Pineville and Middlesboro. College programming such as the Nursing School and the Kentucky Coal Academy mine training initiative grew and produced hundreds of graduates with rewarding careers in those fields. Technology has also advanced under the leadership of Ayers, and multi-college liaisons were also established under Ayer's direction that has afforded even more higher educational opportunities for local students.



Dr. Nathan Hodges

Dr. Nathan Hodges will leave his current post in July after eight successful years as president of Bowling Green Technical College.

Dr. Hodges received his bachelor of science in psychology and social science from Troy State College in Alabama; his master of science in foundations of education and administration from Troy State University; and his doctorate in education at Auburn University. He has also completed post-doctoral studies at the University

of Texas at Austin. Hodges has served as president of 4 community colleges in 3 states. Prior to coming to Kentucky, Dr. Hodges served as president at Mayland Community College and Haywood Community College in North Carolina as well as George C. Wallace Community College in Alabama.

Hodges was instrumental in taking Bowling Green Technical College to new heights, as he led the institution in moving to a community and technical college that offers transfer and technical degrees. The school recently was selected as one of the “Best Places to Work in Kentucky,” a credit to Hodges' dedication to the students.

Hodges announced his decision and stated, “I am extremely proud of the college and the high level of professionalism, dedication and commitment exhibited by the faculty and staff, which has resulted in so many accomplishments.”

## LOUISIANA

### NORTH BATON ROUGE TRAINING INITIATIVE

Baton Rouge Community College, along with Capital Area Technical College and a number of industry, nonprofit, and community resource partners, recently launched the North Baton Rouge Industry Training Initiative.

The project is designed as a pilot program, enrolling approximately 60 participants in one of several free training programs; with concentrations in Pipefitting, Welding, and Electrical. The initiative is targeting North Baton Rouge due to a desire by local industry leaders such as the Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance, ExxonMobil, and Turner Industries to connect the residents of their local neighborhoods with career opportunities and high demand jobs. The initiative is receiving additional support through non-profit and faith-based organizations, led by the efforts of HOPE Ministries, who is providing soft-skill training for the participants.

Many of the community business partners involved are in industries that are slated to see large numbers of experienced workers retiring over the next several years, creating a demand for replacement workers that are trained in skills critical to those industries. The initiative has been developed to serve as a pipeline for providing these workers and ensuring the continued economic sustenance and growth of the region.

Additional partners involved in the initiative include Associated Builders & Contractors, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Brock Group, Career Academy, East Baton Rouge City Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Entergy, Formosa Plastics, Georgia Pacific, ISC, Jacobs Engineering, Louisiana Workforce Commission, LA Construction Education Foundation, Mentorship Academy, Performance Contractors, John Smith, Consultant, SSA Consultants, Stupp Corporation, Triad Electric & Controls, and Workforce Investment Act 21.

### GOVERNOR JINDAL ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN AUTO TECHNOLOGY

Governor Bobby Jindal announced a commitment of \$13.9 million in capital outlay funding to build a Center for Excellence in Auto Technology at Baton Rouge Community College. The Governor emphasized that the new center will serve as a training ground for students who want careers in the auto industry and also help fill a need of the auto industry in Louisiana for more skilled workers. The Jindal Administration will be seeking approval for the funding of this new facility at the State Bond Commission. Governor Jindal said, “As part of our efforts to keep our kids here at home and grow our economy, one of the key things we look at is what industries are growing and what type of skills our people need to get jobs in those industries. One of the industries where we expect to see significant growth is at auto dealerships, specifically jobs for auto technicians. In Louisiana, recent data shows that there are over 2,700 open auto mechanic and technician jobs in Louisiana, and that number is expected to grow by 17 percent by 2020. Without question, this is a growth industry, but we aren't filling the positions available right now.”

The All Star Automotive Group, Louisiana Auto Dealers Association, BRCC and a consulting group studied the local auto industry's specific workforce needs and what actions could be taken to better prepare people for jobs in the industry. The study found that:

- ◆ Louisiana is slightly below the national average in the number of service technicians employed per 1000 vehicles.
- ◆ There is a need for nearly 250 automotive technology graduates annually to meet the industry's demand, 10 percent of whom would specialize in diesel mechanics.

- ◆ Auto technician programs in Louisiana aren't able to turn out highly skilled specialists that are capable of maintaining the efficiency and integrity of new vehicles.
- ◆ Auto technician programs in Louisiana are shorter in length and less thorough and rigorous than those in most other states, which focus on state-of-the-art techniques for a longer period of time.
- ◆ Seventy-five percent of the auto graduates in Louisiana receive no more than one year of training in their programs, and fewer than 3 percent receive two or more years of training in their programs.
- ◆ Of the over two dozen auto tech training programs in Louisiana, none are capable of delivering state-of-the-art technician training that auto employers require today.

The East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority is working with the All Star Automotive Group to develop potential partnerships with automobile technicians and manufacturers. The 60,000-square-foot auto training facility will be located on BRCC's new East Campus.

The Center for Excellence in Auto Technology will be part of the Smiley Heights – a mixed-use development that is more than six years in the making which will consist of a residential neighborhood, retail establishments and a charter school. This new development is estimated to create 3,500 new households and 20,000 new jobs in the Baton Rouge metro area by 2030. The goal of the development is to reduce school dropout rates, reduce inner city crime, and reduce traffic congestion.

## MISSISSIPPI

### CONSORTIUM RECEIVES LABOR GRANT

A consortium of eight colleges, including Pearl River Community College (PRCC), will use a \$14.7 million Department of Labor grant to develop a health information technology training program. PRCC is a member of the new Bossier Parish Community College Consortium along with Copiah-Lincoln, Meridian, Mississippi Delta and Northeast Mississippi community colleges in Mississippi and Northeast Louisiana Technical College, Delgado and South Louisiana community colleges in Louisiana.

The consortium was notified recently that it will receive \$14,710,837 to develop and implement a new, core foundational information technology curriculum that integrates basic skills instruction with technical training to accelerate academic achievement and credential attainment. PRCC will be responsible for developing a health information technology degree that will build on PRCC's exist-

ing medical records technology program.

### COLE RECEIVES ACCT AWARD



Dr. David Cole

Itawamba Community College President Dr. David Cole received the prestigious American Association of Community College Trustees' Southern Region CEO of 2012 award Oct. 11 at the ACCT Leadership Congress in Boston, Mass.

Cole became the fourth president of Itawamba Community College in January 1993 after having served for nearly two decades as superintendent of South Panola School District in Batesville.

As a Mississippi school administrator, he has been a leader in both economic development and in raising educational standards for the state. He has served as chair of the Mississippi Community College Presidents' Association during the passage of significant mid-level funding and Workforce Education Initiatives. ICC in Fulton, Tupelo and Belden provides academic and credit enrollment to more than 14,000 students and workforce training opportunities to more than 50,000 adults annually. Through his visionary leadership, ICC has experienced as much as a 50 percent increase in enrollment and in 2011 at 53.80 percent, the College achieved the highest percentage increase in graduation rates among all 15 two-year institutions in Mississippi. In April, the Aspen Institute selected ICC as one of the top 120 community colleges in the nation. In addition, the College has launched an \$8 million fundraising initiative, the largest capital campaign conducted by any community college in the state, to complete the funding for a \$15.8 million Health Science Education Center, which is currently under construction at the Tupelo Campus.

### GREEN NAMED NEMCC HUMANITIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Northeast Mississippi Community College (NMCC) English and literature instructor Kathy Green of Booneville is the recipient of the college's 2012 Humanities Teacher of the Year award.

A veteran educator, Green will receive the honor in recognition of her exemplary career at Northeast which began in 1988. In addition to her duties in the traditional classroom, Green is also a certified online instructor and has served as the academic head of the Division of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences since 2004.

In receiving the award, Green will present "Literature: Get-

ting to the Good Stuff,” a narrative of her personal and professional journey to find the most effective processes for making the study of literature relevant to those who are engaged in it by choice and to those who are thrust into it by coursework requirements. She will highlight her experiences using different pedagogical approaches over the years and share some strategies that she currently uses in her classes. Green will also share examples from her students’ work. Finally, she will briefly touch upon the role technology plays in the way she teaches literature today.

### **NEMCC ANNOUNCES INDUCTEES TO NEW ALUMNI HALL OF FAME**

A full slate of activities were scheduled for students, alumni and friends who attended the 2012 Northeast Mississippi Community College (NEMCC) homecoming celebration, including the induction of the inaugural class of the Alumni Hall of Fame.

An Alumni Hall of Fame award is presented to the alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding traits of leadership and character to such an extent that it has brought great credit to the recipient and to the alma mater.

Former Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, the honorable William J. “Billy Joe” McCoy and Major General Augustus L. “Leon” Collins and make up the first class of Alumni Hall of Fame inductees.

Speaker McCoy attended Northeast as an agricultural education student from 1960-1962 and later attended Mississippi State University where he earned the bachelor’s and master’s degree. He served as a high school agriculture teacher, a county extension agent, and an enrollment auditor for the Mississippi Department of Education. In 1980, McCoy was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives. During his 32-year tenure in the House, he served as Chairman of the Education and Ways and Means Committees. In 2004, he was elected Speaker of the House, a position which he held until 2011.

McCoy has been supportive of the College in many ways, including a term as a member of the Board of Trustees. As a student, he was elected to the Student Hall of Fame. He guided both of his children to degrees earned at Northeast and currently has a grandson attending, making three generations of McCoy’s who have been involved with the College.

General Collins attended Northeast from 1975 through 1977. During his enrollment Collins enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard. He later attended the University of Mississippi where he earned a bachelor’s degree



*General Augustus L. “Leon” Collins*

in business administration. He completed the Master of Business Administration at Jackson State University in 1993.

General Collins has a distinguished history of service to the State and Nation. He progressed from Platoon Leader of the 1st Battalion, 198<sup>th</sup> Armored, back up through the ranks to command combat troops in Afghanistan as a Brigadier General. He was recently named as Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard achieving the rank of Major General.

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

#### **NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM’S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The North Carolina Community College System kicked off its 50th anniversary Sunday, October 7, 2012, during its system-wide conference. Throughout the year-long anniversary celebration, many activities will be held to mark the System’s 50 years including an NC Highway Historical Marker dedication, a collaboration with the state’s public television station UNC-TV to produce individual documentary segments featuring each community college that will air weekly during the station’s evening news program, as well as many commemorative events hosted by community colleges across the state.

#### **NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD ALLOCATES BACK-TO-WORK FUNDS**

The State Board of Community Colleges approved the allocation of funds to 16 colleges to offer training through the North Carolina Back-to-Work program. The program is geared toward long-term unemployed North Carolinians. North Carolina Back-to-Work will provide students with job training and retraining; employability skills, including a Career Readiness Certificate; and third-party, industry-recognized credentials.

In addition to \$5 million in state funds allocated to 10 colleges, the NC Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions identified federal funds totaling \$2 million to expand the training opportunities. The State Board of Community Colleges approved the allocation of those funds to six additional colleges during its August meeting.

North Carolina community colleges offering North Carolina Back-to-Work programs are Blue Ridge Community College, Brunswick Community College, Caldwell Community

College & Technical Institute, Catawba Valley Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, Davidson County Community College, Edgecombe Community College, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Guilford Technical Community College, Lenoir Community College, Mitchell Community College, Roanoke-Chowan Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Southwestern Community College and Stanly Community College.

## STATE BOARD MAKES HISTORY WITH APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM CHANGES

The North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges approved the Code Green Super Curriculum Improvement Project (CIP). The Code Green Super CIP is unique in that it is the first total revamping of entire sectors of the System's technical education program. The breadth and impact of the CIP is immense – consolidating more than 80 curriculums into 32 and affecting thousands of students in five areas that are critical to the growth of North Carolina's economy: energy, building, environment, transportation and engineering technology.

"It creates an efficient structure that enables students to earn or stack industry certifications, thus enabling students to graduate with both academic and industry-recognized credentials, and allowing employers' confidence in the practical competencies assessed," says Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President, North Carolina Community College System. "It also integrates, across the curriculum, important energy sustainability knowledge and skills that will increasingly be in demand for technical careers."

Jennifer McNelly, President of the Manufacturing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturing, says, "North Carolina's CIP positions community colleges to meet the workforce demands of today's advanced manufacturers and tomorrow's innovators." McNelly added, "The CIP provides flexibility and adaptability to meet changing market demands. It aligns to industry standards; ensuring students enter the workforce with national certifications with labor market value."

With the participation of nearly 700 community college faculty in the CIP, the changes will begin for colleges in Fall 2013, with mandatory implementation in Fall 2014.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS DIVISION

In October, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) recognized the System's Economic Development and Workforce Competitiveness Division with an Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award. This award came as a result the Division's innovative and collaborative work with Horsehead Corporation, the largest zinc producer in the United States.

In 2010, the company decided to locate its first start-up facility for recycling electric arc furnace dust in Barnwell, SC. The initial capital investment of more than \$70 million along with the creation of 56 jobs signified a huge boost for the counties sagging economy. The Division's two statewide programs, readySC™ and Apprenticeship Carolina™, along with the local technical college, worked closely with Horsehead to ensure the company had a workforce that facilitated a successful ramp up for sooner than expected profitable operations.

Subject matter experts at Horsehead worked with readySC™ to intertwine company role expectations with foundational and process-specific knowledge. In doing so, readySC™ helped Horsehead start production with employees who were already immersed in the company's culture and processes and achieve above average start-up results via an accelerated workforce learning curve. Apprenticeship Carolina™ helped the organization's workforce continue to grow by guiding Horsehead through the registered apprenticeship process and recognition in the National Registered Apprenticeship System. Currently, Horsehead has 36 registered apprentices (64% of its workforce) in four apprenticeable occupations: electromechanical technician, process operator, rail operator and utility operator.

### MORE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR APPRENTICESHIP CAROLINA™

In July, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded Apprenticeship Carolina™ with the National Innovators and Trailblazers award as one of the fastest growing, most innovative programs in the nation.

South Carolina boasts one of the fastest growing apprenticeship systems in the country. Since its beginnings in 2007, Apprenticeship Carolina™ has played a key role in growing apprenticeship participation from 90 companies to a current 556, a growth of 518%. During that same time, the number of active apprentices increased more than five-fold growing from 777 to 4,272. In 2007 only twenty two South Carolina counties had registered programs, now all



forty six counties are represented with at least one registered program.

The growth is phenomenal and truly sets the program apart. However, what makes the program so innovative and trailblazing is its growth strategy. Apprenticeship Carolina proactively reaches out to nontraditional sectors such as healthcare, hospitality and tourism, information technology, energy, and advanced manufacturing. The message to these industries is “apprenticeship evolved.” No longer is apprenticeship limited to just traditional occupations, these nontraditional sectors can also benefit.

In fact, the National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships recently named Garcia Mills-Tate, training manager for information systems at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of South Carolina, as a member representing these non-traditional sectors.

## FIRST-ANNUAL TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IS A HUGE SUCCESS

In September, the SC Technical College System held its first Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference – SCTCS: PluggedIn. The two-day conference highlighted the role technology can play in student retention and success. The event boasted over 400 registered attendees, two dozen exhibitors, 47 concurrent sessions and 70 presenters.

The presenters were among some of the most elite individuals in their respective fields, including top executives from Microsoft and Google. Florida’s Professor of the Year from Valencia College presented on several topics. Presidents and chancellors from community colleges and systems across the nation came to share best practices. The conference also had experts from within the System and other colleges and universities in the state sharing their expertise in educational technology.

## TENNESSEE

### NEW PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCED



Dr. Chris Whaley



Dr. Jerry Faulkner

Dr. Chris Whaley was appointed as President of Roane State Community College in Harriman effective November 1. He is replacing Dr. Gary Goff who has retired. Dr. Jerry

Faulkner assumed duties as President of Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin in May. His predecessor was Dr. Warren Nichols who has become Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges in the Tennessee Board of Regents System.

## ENROLLMENT IN TENNESSEE COLLEGES

Headcount enrollment at the 13 community colleges in TN decreased by 4.1% this fall from 96,142 in the fall of 2011 to 92,165. The Full Time Equivalent enrollment dropped from 61,144 to 57,765 which is a decrease of 5.5%. Some of this decrease may be attributed to the rapidly increasing tuition for community colleges. Full time students pay \$3531 for two semesters in 2012-13 compared to \$3377 in 2011-12. In 2002-03 it was only \$1600. Another cause may be improving employment opportunities. Students may be going to work rather than going to a community college.

Since 2001 headcount enrollment in the community colleges has grown from 76,072 in fall 2001 to 96,142 in fall 2011. This is an average increase of 26.4%. The fastest growing community college was Dyersburg State with a 64.2% increase during this time period.

## ROANE STATE RECEIVES LABOR GRANT

Roane State Community College was the lead institution in a successful proposal to the U. S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Act Community College and Career Training grant of \$12.57 million. The grant was awarded in September to assist Tennessee community colleges in their development of nursing and allied health programs. The title of the grant is Rx Tennessee.

## TEXAS

### SAN JACINTO COLLEGE STARTS NEW PROGRAM



San Jacinto College is celebrating Veterans Day 2012 with the grand openings of the Centers of Excellence for Veterans Student Success on each campus. Funded by a \$400,000 grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsec-

ondary Education (FIPSE) from the U.S. Department of Education, as well as private donors and generous donations of materials and labor totaling more than \$375,000, the Centers provide veterans easy access to enrollment, financial aid, Veteran Affairs (VA) information, educational plan-

ning, and counseling needs. Each Center will also display a Wall of Honor, serving as a reminder of the gratitude and appreciation of veteran service.

## **SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE CONGRATULATES MR. GARY R. GURWITZ**

Mr. Gary R. Gurwitz's vision, commitment, and stewardship has led South Texas College to distinction as one of the nation's world-class and premiere community colleges. He helped frame the College's responsibility to serve as a catalyst for regional economic prosperity and social mobility and advocated tirelessly for the development of a "college-going culture."



*Gary R. Gurwitz, recipient of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2012 M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award and 2012 Western Region Trustee Award*

## **PROGRAM RECEIVES RECOGNITION**

Wharton County Junior College's Nuclear Power Technology Program gained international recognition when International Atomic Energy Agency awarded the program the distinction of being a "Best Practice Program" among two-year nuclear power technology training programs. WCJC was invited by the Nuclear Power Institute (NPI) to participate at the event as part of the U.S. Department of Commerce Industry Delegation. Mr. Rudolph Henry, WCJC program head, presented at several events and meetings that highlighted Nuclear Power Institute (NPI) programs.



NPI is a program of the Texas A & M Engineering Experi-

ment Station that brings together four-year universities, two-year technical and community colleges, and public schools with the nuclear power industry, state and local organizations, and state, federal and international agencies.

Over the past year the NPI has brought several groups of visitors from other countries to tour WCJC and specifically to gain insight about the college's nuclear power technology program and best practices.

## **VIRGINIA**

### **NEW PRESIDENT AT PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



Dr. Angeline D. Godwin assumed the presidency of Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC) on July 1, 2012.

Godwin was most recently a managing member of The Nicolette Company, LLC, a family owned business in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where she has worked in economic development since 2005. A first generation college graduate, she served as president of the Ashland Community and Technical College District in Ashland, Kentucky, from 1997-2000, serving through the transition from governance by The University of Kentucky Community College System to the newly formed Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Godwin has also served as vice president for research and development at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg from 2002-2004, and as CEO and president of the Mississippi Technology Alliance as well as the Institute for Technology Development in Jackson, Mississippi, from 2000-2002. She holds a law degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan; a doctorate in English and a master's in English education from Florida State University; a master's degree from The University of Alabama, a bachelor's degree from Troy State University and an associate degree from Gulf Coast Community College in Florida.

She succeeds Dr. Max Wingett, who retired this year after serving as Patrick Henry Community College President for more than 33 years.



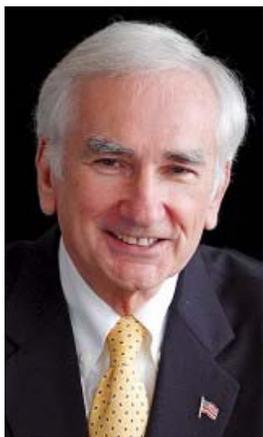
### **NEW VCCS/WGU GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell recently announced a new statewide guaranteed admission agreement between Virginia's Community Colleges (VCCS) and Western Governors University (WGU) that creates a faster and more affordable pathway to a baccalaureate degree for nursing students beginning this academic year. Students who take advantage of the guaranteed admission agreement, which is unprecedented in Virginia, could earn a bachelor's degree in three years at an estimated total cost of \$17,000 in tuition and fees.

The guaranteed admission agreement requires students to first earn their associate's degree in nursing from one of Virginia's 23 community colleges as well as their license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN). The students must also be working as a registered nurse to be accepted into WGU. Those students would then complete nine additional courses, for a total of 26 credit hours, through WGU on-line classes to earn their bachelor's degree in nursing.

The agreement with WGU represents the latest in more than 30 statewide guaranteed admissions agreements that the VCCS holds with public and private universities. This is the first agreement, however, created with a goal of keeping the total tuition and fees costs of a bachelor's degree to less than \$20,000. All of the VCCS transfer agreements can be reviewed and compared by visiting the Virginia Education Wizard, a free one-stop website for college and career planning, at [www.vawizard.org](http://www.vawizard.org).

### **RAMSEY TO RETIRE FROM DCC**



*Dr. B. Carlyle Ramsey*

Danville Community College president, Dr. B. Carlyle Ramsey, has announced plans to retire from his position next summer. Ramsey, who has served as president for more than two decades, made the announcement recently during the annual joint meeting of the DCC Board and the Educational Foundation Board. Ramsey, who said he would retire effective Aug. 1, leaves the College at an all-time high, as it was also announced that the first major gifts campaign had surpassed its fundraising goal of \$7 million.

A native of Halifax County, Ramsey was appointed the fourth president of the College on March 1, 1992. Previously, Ramsey served as DCC's Dean of Instruction and

Student Development from 1987-1988. He also worked in the Virginia Community College System Office in Richmond as Assistant Vice Chancellor from 1989-1992. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Union College (KY) from 1984-1987, and as Assistant Academic Dean and Division Chair at South Georgia College from 1973-1984. He received his B.A. degree in History from the University of Florida, and both his M.S. and Ph.D. in History from Florida State University.

### **DSLCC PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**



*Dr. Richard Teaff*

Dr. Richard Teaff, President of Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, has announced that he will retire at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year. Dr. Teaff will complete his eighteenth year at DSLCC and 44 years in education. During his tenure at the College, new programs were developed in many areas, facilities were built and others upgraded, the Rockbridge Regional Center was established, and workforce development programs were expanded. The College's first major gifts campaign was conducted to build up the College's

Educational Foundation. Articulation agreements for students to transfer to four-year colleges were expanded to public and private colleges in Virginia and other states.



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