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Greetings from the president

Rockingham Community College has a rich history of serving students and business and industry in Rockingham County and the surrounding region since 1966. Without the support of our community, the college certainly would not have the rich history that it has had. The relationships and partnerships that have been created over the years have significantly impacted the college's success. Rockingham Community College is the community's college. We exist to serve our county and this region of the state. We are certainly accountable to the community, and we are charged with providing a quality education to our students and offering training to our business and industry partners. It is a responsibility we do not take lightly. In fact, it is one we embrace. This Report to the Community highlights the accomplishments of our college for 2016-17. This past year included many exciting developments in the life of the college. We began spending our portion of the NC Connect Bond funds with the renovation of the Advanced Technologies Building, a building that houses our business programs, public safety programs, our testing area, TRiO and our distance learning training suite. We completed the re-surfacing of our tennis courts, and as a result, our college was named as the United States Tennis Association NC Facility of the Year at the USTA NC Awards Ceremony at Pinehurst Resort back in January 2017 and was recognized by the USTA as one of twelve tennis facilities in the country to be nationally awarded as a new facility. RCC was the only educational institution recognized. More renovation projects are in the plans for 2017-18 including the James Library, a project that has already been started, the Whitcomb Student Center, scheduled for a renovation start date of November and the Humanities Building, which is scheduled for renovation during the summer 2018. We are excited about the campus improvements we are making and will continue to make in the next few years to make our college more collegiate. The college was very excited to receive a \$700,000 Duke Energy gift to the college to implement a Trail Recreation and Adventure Institute for Leadership and Service (TRAILS) initiative. As a result of this gift, the college will implement new programs, courses and training related to outdoor recreation including trail building. The college celebrated its first Horticulture Career



College graduation, a partnership the college has with Vocational Rehabilitation. Governor Roy Cooper visited the college to discuss his budget proposal and its impact on community colleges, and he spent time touring the campus and talking to faculty, staff and students. The college continues to partner with the public schools, business and industry, mayors and city managers, the county commissioners, community leaders and many more to make sure our college is serving the citizens of Rockingham County and the surrounding region. Most importantly, this report highlights the accomplishments of our students. Helping students achieve success is our most important initiative. RCC is fortunate to have a dedicated faculty and staff, a supportive Board of Trustees, and community members who work tirelessly to support the college through the work of the RCC Foundation. We will continue to serve our students and our community. Our work impacts people's lives through education and we look forward to the challenges ahead and the success of those we serve.

Sincerely,

President

Mark O. Kinlaw Ed.D.

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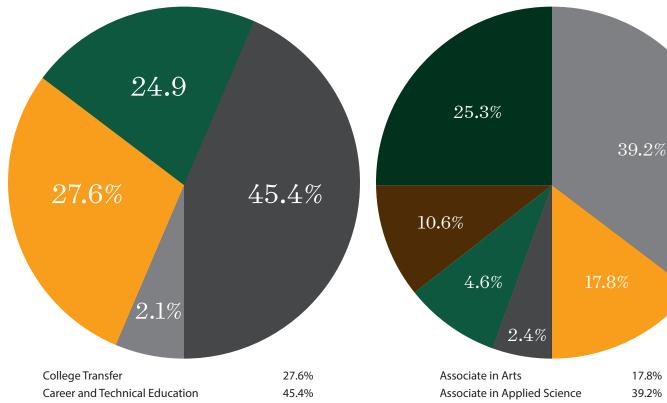
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RCC Quick Facts

Curriculum Fall 2016 - 1,788

Percent of Enrollment by Division

Percentage of Graduates



College Transfer	27.6%
Career and Technical Education	45.4%
Early College HS and Career College Promise	24.9%
Special Credit	2.1%

17.8% 39.2% Associate in Fine Arts 2.4% Associate in Science 4.6% Diploma 10.6% Certificate 25.3%

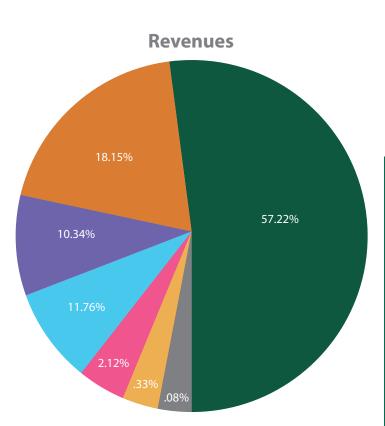
Average Age of Students – 23.1 Full-time students - 37.4% Part-time students - 62.6% Female - 59.5% Male - 40.5%

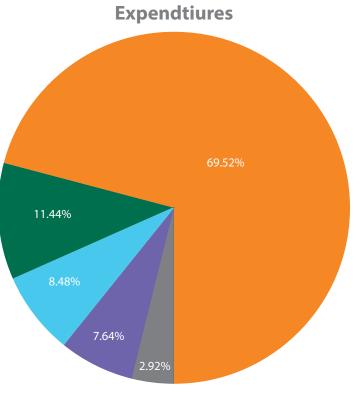
FINANCIAL AID AWARDED Pell grant - \$4,231,000 Other Federal Funding - \$184,200 Work Study employment program - \$67,000 NC Community College grant - \$222,000 NC Education Lottery grant - \$134,000 Other State funding - \$45,500 **RCC Foundation Scholarships - \$291,000** Other outside funding - \$164,800 TOTAL - \$5,339,500

Accreditation

Rockingham Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Rockingham Community College. The Commission's contact information is provided to allow interested constituents to: (1) to learn more about the accreditation status of the institution, (2) to file a third-party comment at the time of the institution's decennial review, or (3) to file a complaint against the institution for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement. Normal inquiries about Rockingham Community College (such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc.) should be directed to Rockingham Community College, not to the Commission's office.

2016-2017 FINANCIAL INFORMATION





REVENUES	AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL
State Appropriation	\$ 10,532,695	57.22%
County Appropriation	\$2,164,473	11.76%
Sales and Services	\$390,227	2.12%
Federal Contracts and Grants	\$3,339,464	18.15%
Investment Income	\$14,619	0.08%
Noncapital Gifts, Contracts and Grants	\$1,902,597	10.34%
Other Revenue	\$59,879	0.33%
EXPENDTIURES	AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 12,856,050	69.52%
College Services	\$1,412,681	7.64%
Supplies and Materials	\$2,115,051	11.44%
Scholarships	\$1,568,522	8.48%
Utilities	\$539,715	2.92%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 18,492,019	100.00%



Donates \$700,000 to Launch New Program of Study

TRAILS is intended to meet workforce demand in one of the five fastest-growing industries in North Carolina.

Thanks to a \$700,000 gift from Duke Energy, Rockingham Community College launched a new program of study that will prepare students for careers in outdoor recreation and education.

The program, named "Duke Energy TRAILS at Rockingham Community College," is the first community college recreational program of its kind in the region. TRAILS is an acronym for "Trail Recreation and Adventure Institute for Leadership and Service."

"While there are many four-year colleges and universities in North Carolina and Virginia that strongly prepare students for careers in outdoor-related industries such as parks, recreation, and tourism management, employers will tell you that many graduates are not practically equipped to handle some of the real-life problems on the job. These problems include safe and effective use of a chainsaw, preventing or investigating wildfires, and repairing broken equipment engines," said Dr. Mark Kinlaw, RCC President.



Pictured from left: Mark Richardson, Rockingham County Commissioner; David Fountain, Duke Energy's North Carolina President; Dr. Mark Kinlaw, President of RCC

TRAILS is intended to meet workforce demand in one of the five fastest-growing industries in North Carolina. Jobs in the industry include forest fire inspectors and prevention specialists; recreational therapists; social and community services managers; conservation scientists; brick masons, block masons, and stonemasons; postsecondary teachers in the areas of conservation science, forestry, recreation studies, and fitness; and grounds maintenance and landscaping workers.

"We're committed to building a smarter energy future, which requires making smart investments in our workforce and our environment," said Duke Energy's North Carolina President David Fountain. "Through this new program, Rockingham Community College is helping students develop skills to expand outdoor recreation in a sustainable way for this region to enjoy today and in the future."

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR ROY COOPER Visits RCC

In February, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper visited the college and spent time meeting with students, faculty, staff, and the administration of Rockingham Community College.

Governor Cooper described his commitment to making education a priority during his administration. Students explained that they value the positive learning experiences they have in the classroom and expressed their pride in choosing to attend RCC. The





faculty and the administration shared their thoughts on increasing the awareness of the value of education beyond high school and the importance of funding to keep facilities and technology up-to-date.

As part of the visit, Governor Cooper toured the Industrial Technologies Buildings I and II and the Owens Health Sciences Simulated Hospital.

KINLAW RESET LEADS ROCkingham Initiative to Improve the Workforce

In June, the RESET Rockingham Task Force identified steering committee members who represent business, industry, education, and the economic development community. The committee launched the RESET Rockingham initiative which focuses on improving the workforce in Rockingham County.

Dr. Mark Kinlaw, President of Rockingham Community College, will serve as chair of the Steering Commitee. The purpose of the RESET Rockingham Task Force is to create a culture that realizes the value of a workforce that is equipped with the critical thinking skills, technical skills, and soft skills that are required to grow our local economy and improve the employment prospects of Rockingham County citizens.

Additional Steering Committee members include: Caroline Brigmon, Regional Operations Director of NC Department of Commerce; Debbie Tuggle, Vice

President of the Career Development Services of Goodwill Industries; Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent of Rockingham County Schools; Jan Critz, Director of Economic Development and Tourism for Rockingham County; John DeLine, President and CEO of Beta Fueling systems, LLC; Nancy Tulloch, Human Resources Manager for Pine Hall Brick, Inc.; Roy Gibson, Human Resources Manager for Unifi, Inc.; Wendy Walker Fox, Workforce Development Director of Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

of Industry at RCC

CC hosted "Taste of Industry," a special event designed to promote the value of technical education and introduce community leaders to related high-demand careers with high-wage earning potential. RCC received a grant totaling \$3,880 from the North Carolina Community College System to host the event.

Career and technical educators, school counselors and career development coordinators from Rockingham County Schools along with RCC Faculty and representatives from Goodwill Industries, Workforce Development Board Resource Center, Rockingham County Board of Education, and Rockingham County



Board of Commissioners attended a day-long event held on the RCC campus. Visitors on campus toured the Industrial Technologies labs and were exposed to programs of study that focus on advanced manufacturing and applied technology training. Faculty in the areas of Computer Integrated Machining, Electronics Engineering, Mechatronics-Electrical, and Welding were on hand to demonstrate and discuss the value of technical education and how the group can work together to expose more high school students in our rural county to career options.

Career Expo Supports Local Employers



During the annual Career Expo and RCC Day events hosted by RCC, over 600 community members, RCC students, and local high school students received information from employers and community agencies. RCC faculty and staff shared information about programs of study, the admissions process, financial aid and distance learning.

RCC Receives

\$20,000 Scholarship

FROM GENE HAAS FOUNDATION

The Gene Haas Foundation awarded a gift of \$20,000 to RCC. Qualified students enrolled in the Computer-Integrated Machining program of study will receive scholarships as a result.

The Haas Foundation gift will assist with introducing students to careers in Computer-Integrated Machining and in manufacturing by sponsoring educational events, programs, and competitions for students.



Kris Brooks, Department Chair – Applied Technologies; Dr. Mark Kinlaw, RCC President; Ed Blackburn, Gene Hass Foundation Representative; Jennifer Lester, Director – Career and Technical Education



Rockingham Community College received grants totaling more than \$1.5 million during 2016-17. Among the grants received were:

\$700,000 from Duke Energy to start the TRAILS (Trail Recreation and Adventure Institute for Leadership and Service) outdoor recreation program, plus \$90,000 in student scholarships to the program.

\$223,662 from the federal Student Support Services (TRIO) Program to provide academic, financial, and personal counseling to eligible students.

\$479,047 from the federal Title III program for improvements in the college's distancelearning efforts.

\$50,000 from the NC Tobacco Trust Fund for equipment in the college's Brewing, Distillation, and Fermentation Program.

\$17, 234 from the state Miniority Male Success Initiative, to set up a program for mentoring students.

\$20,000 from the Gene Haas Foundation for student certification costs and scholarships.

LPN to ADN Program of STUDY:

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (February, 2015), the supply of registered nurses is projected to exceed the demand in 34 states. However, 16 states will experience a nursing shortage and North Carolina is among those who will be in need of registered nurses.

In 2017-18 students began the LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) to ADN (Associate Degree Nursing) program at the college. Dr. Phyllis Horton, RCC's Director of Nursing, developed this new, hybrid program.

"There is a strong demand locally for the LPN to ADN program of study option," Horton explained. "Many of RCC's former practical nursing students request this program as the next stepping stone in their path to becoming registered nurses."

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The LPN to ADN cohort of students will experience the

same rigorous curriculum as the ADN cohort. However, the delivery method of instruction will be different. The LPN to ADN program of study is a hybrid program. The entire lecture portion of the program will be offered online. All clinical activities will take place in the hospital setting with selected activities in RCC's Simulated Hospital.

Respiratory Therapy Students MEET WITH RECRUITERS

Helping our students learn about employment opportunities is a priority at Rockingham Community College. Earlier this year, respiratory therapy students met with recruiters from Novant Health and Carolinas HealthCare System to learn about job opportunities in this region of the state.

During the meeting, students began understanding the variety of job opportunities and work options that are available including the per diem position options that offer the therapist lucrative pay options and flexible schedules.

RCC Joins National Consortium on College

Men of Color

Earlier this year, the college received a grant totaling \$17,234.00 from the North Carolina Community College System as part of its Minority Male Success Initiative (MMSI).

This funding allowed the college to develop the "Paying It Forward" initiative. Participating students have the opportunity to attend leadership conferences and a variety of workshops that teach life and study skills. Students are able to attend the Men Building Leaders Conference held at East Carolina University and the Ripple Interfaith Conference held at Elon University.

"The faculty and staff who are leading "Paying it Forward" have a unique opportunity to engage a group of students and develop strategies to help them succeed both inside and outside the classroom," said Dr. Mark Kinlaw, President of RCC. "As a small, rural community college, RCC is fortunate to have access to the resources of the National Consortium on College Men of Color (NCCMC)."

As part of the grant, the college joined the NCCMC. Affiliation with the consortium enhances the college's commitment to improving the success of historically underrepresented and underserved students, including men of color.



The college received an AmeriCorp VISTA Grant to support its efforts to address improvements in the area of economic opportunity and education within rural Rockingham County.

The RCC VISTA project capitalizes off of existing educational resources such as continuing and curriculum education to improve and increase

the education and employment of the county's residents and student population with low incomes of those with disadvantages.

The initiative is designed to recruit those willing to serve as AmeriCorps VISTA members. Those recruited will work with RCC to address improving educational outcomes in designated poverty areas of the county. Financial literacy and personal economic growth is also a focus of this project.

"Rockingham Community College is the first North Carolina community college to receive the AmeriCorp VISTA grant," said RCC President Dr. Mark Kinlaw. "The RCC VISTA project is another way that our faculty and staff are able to engage with the community and assist with improving the quality of life in our county."

RCC Celebrates First Horticulture Career COLLEGE GRADUATES

RCC awarded certificates to 16 students who completed the college's first Career College program of study. As part of the mission of the college, faculty and staff are charged with finding unique ways to serve the diverse needs of the citizens in the county on a daily basis.

RCC's Dean of Workforce Development Laura Coffee and Vocational Rehabilitation Agency partners Debbie Ellis and Laquista Knox recognized a need to assist recent high school graduates who receive an occupational diploma. These students need to be productive but may not be ready for employment.

The new Horticulture Career College Program offered courses needed to complete the Greenhouse/Nursery Assistant Certificate this year. Students enrolled in the Horticulture Career College Program at RCC and



mastered the skills necessary to find employment as a greenhouse/nursery assistant. In addition, they received training in the soft skills needed for employment through RCC's continuing education courses, the Human Resource Development program and the College and Career Readiness program.

RCC RECOGNIZED BY US Tennis Association



This spring, Rockingham Community College became one of 12 tennis facilities across the country honored for excellence in construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities by the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

The award is presented each year to a facility displaying quality tennis courts with regulation surfaces, layout, and amenities. The recipient facility must host USTA programs and contribute to the advancement of the sport. Renovations to RCC's tennis facility included resurfacing the college's six tennis courts, improving access for the disabled, and the installation of a backboard to allow for individual practice.

In January, RCC was honored as the 2016 Tennis Facility of the Year for North Carolina.

During the summer, RCC partnered with the Rockingham County Tennis Association to revitalize tennis in the county by resurfacing its six courts, becoming the cornerstone of renovated athletic facilities at the college. The courts are the first location in Rockingham County where adult and youth tennis instruction is available to all community members and no membership is required.

The \$67,000 renovation of RCC's tennis courts was funded through a bequest from the estate of Ed and Betty Mooney, grants from the RCC Foundation, the US Tennis Association, and the USTA North Carolina, a contribution from Rockingham County Schools, and college capital funds.

ASTUTO RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Karen Astuto was selected as the 2016-2017 full-time faculty Excellence in Teaching award recipient.

She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and began her work at RCC as an adjunct mathematics faculty member in 2009. Astuto became a full-time faculty member in 2012 and was named the Developmental Math Coordinator in 2015. She has provided exceptional leadership in RCC's developmental math program. Astuto was instrumental in the transition of the 5-week developmental math modules into Developmental Math Shells. By teaching in the shell format, students may work at their own pace whether faster or slower. This method allows for more individualized attention for students who experience difficulty.



According to a colleague, Ms. Astuto's "high touch" approach, and willingness to spend time with students who were not successful the first time, are some of the characteristics that make her one of our excellent faculty. Often, students simply need more time and engagement with a faculty member who cares for them and keeps them motivated to continue.



EVANS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Sarah Evans was selected as the 2016-2017 part-time faculty excellence in teaching award recipient.



She holds a master's degree in Adult Education from North Carolina A & T State University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Evans currently serves the college as Director of Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs. In 2012, she began an additional role serving as an adjunct/part-time faculty. She has taught several classes for the college that include Academic Student Success and Study Skills, Business Communications, Business Math, and Customer Service.

Her students describe her as highly organized, approachable, able to help students understand and relate to "real world" concepts. She engages students so that their experience in the classroom learning environment is optimal for student success.

CARTER NAMED FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Colleagues describe Tim Carter as loyal, courteous, hard-working, dedicated, and positive. His work is described as extraordinary, clinically clean, relentlessly scrubbed, and any issues in his area are rapidly resolved with spotless satisfaction.

Carter serves as custodian for the Advanced Technologies Building. There, he goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is constantly helping students and visitors by answering a variety of questions.

One colleague said, "No matter how busy or tough of a day it may be for Tim, he wears the same smile and has a positive attitude. His commitment to quality has promoted a sense of pride in the building for those who are working. Maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for our students is a top priority."



STRADER NAMED PART-TIME STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR



The 2017 Part-time Staff Member of the Year Dana Strader is described by coworkers as a positive, generous, dedicated, creative and student-focused individual. She performs her work with a passion, and she truly believes that complete focus on our students is a top priority.

Strader serves as an assistant in the Financial Aid Office. Students look for her familiar face as they plan for paying for college.

"Students experience a lot of anxiety when addressing this issue. The encouraging manner in which she relates to students helps them begin their educational journey at RCC with success," said a colleague.



Academic Challenge Competition Team

The Rockingham Early College High School (RECHS) Academic Challenge Competition (ACC) Team is a group of bright, capable students who enjoy sharing their knowledge and academic skill. The team members showcase their knowledge and skills by participating in quiz bowl format competition with other school teams. Questions are related to literature, history, science, math and current topics. The 2016-2017 team placed third in overall competition and first place in the science category. ACC provides a unique opportunity for students to participate in a team activity, make new friends and experience the excitement of competition. Members of the Academic Challenge Team are: Erin Collins, Chirung Desai, Courtney Fulton, Scarlett Lemons, Kasey Martin, Evan Moore, Luke Pennebaker, Noell Pittman, Madison Potts, Bailee Ridlon, Elizabeth Robertson, Jorge Sanchez, Jessica Silva, Madelyn Smith, Rebecca Southard, India Tisdale, Truman Tisdale, MaKenzie Wilson, Tori Yeatts.



Rockingham Early College High School Academic Challenge Team
Row 1 (I-r) Courtney Fulton, Chirung Desai; Row 2 (I-r) Rebecca Southard, Jessica Silva, Tori Yeatts, India Tisdale
Row 3 (I-r) MaKenzie Wilson, Bailee Ridlon, Noell Pittman, Elizabeth Robertson, Madelyn Smith, Madison Potts
Row 4 (I-r) Evan Moore, Truman Tisdale, Luke Pennebaker, Kasey Martin, Scarlett Lemons, Erin Collins, Jorge Sanchez

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Leadership Team

The Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Student Leadership Team includes students from every grade level. These student-leaders feel passionate about having a positive impact on their peers and the Rockingham Early College High School. Their purpose is to develop strategies that are used to reinforce positive behaviors and instill a sense of community and belonging among the students. This semester they organized a "Green-Out Day" kickball game based on NCAA bracket friendly competition. Members of the PBIS Team are: : Jonathan Birmingham, Grace Harper, Dean Hutcherson, Sabrina Ingram, Claire Lewis, Destiny McCroy, Eliza Miller, Ashlynn Minor, Jacob Pierce, Madelyn Smith, Noah Sutton, Alyssa Toney.



(I-r) Grace Harper, Jonathan Birmingham, Sabrina Ingram, Eliza Miller,



(I-r) Madelyn Smith, Ashlynn Minor

National Honor Society Launches Wisdom Prism Tutoring Center

The RECHS chapter of the National Honor Society launched a peer tutoring program this semester. When they are not in class, students in need of academic assistance may join others in the mezzanine area of the James Library for tutoring. The Wisdom Prism Tutoring Center is a place where members of the National Honor Society serve others by helping their peers reach their academic goals. Members of the National Honor Society Peer Tutors are: Dean Hutcherson, Destiny McCroy, Ashlynn Minor, Jacob Pierce, Madelyn Smith, Alyssa Toney.

CURRIE NAMED GOODNIGHT SCHOLAR AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY

RCC graduate, Amanda Currie of Summerfield was honored as one of 10 chosen to participate in the Goodnight Scholars Program at NC State University.

The Goodnight Scholars Program is one of the first scholarship programs in the U.S. to offer a generous scholarship and comprehensive developmental programming catered towards transfer students attending a four-year public university. It was established in 2008 out of the philanthropic generosity of North Carolina natives and NC State alumni Dr. Jim Goodnight, co-founder of global business analytic software leader, SAS Institute, and Mrs. Ann Goodnight, director of community relations at SAS Institute and secretary for the NC State Board of Trustees.

The Goodnight Scholars Program is targeted at North Carolina residents

from low- and middle-income families who aspire to study in a science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) or STEM education discipline at NC State.

The value of the scholarship is \$19,500 and is renewable for up to four years for first-year students and two years for transfer students. In addition to the scholarship, Goodnight Scholars have access to an

assortment of developmental programming focused on their professional and personal growth.

Currie is a May 2017 graduate of RCC where she earned an Associate in Arts and an Associate in Science. Currie received numerous academic awards during her time at RCC including Outstanding Associate in Science Graduate, Dean's List, and President's List honors. Outside of her academics, she volunteers with the Backpack



Ministry and the Society for Creative Anachronism. She plans to major in chemical engineering.

"I recommend beginning at RCC to anyone. I didn't want student loans so I chose RCC after high school," said Currie. "The staff in the Financial Aid Office encouraged me to selfnominate for the scholarship, and receiving it is a dream come true."

DIAZ-RIOS HONORED WITH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD



Olga Diaz-Rios was selected as the 2017 Academic Excellence Award recipient for RCC. At the time of the award, Diaz-Rios academic grade point average was 4.0. Each year, one student is chosen by each of the state's 58 community colleges to receive this prestigious award.

"My experience with Rockingham Community College has helped me to be successful. In my case, I feel a sense of belonging because the staff cares about me. They are always willing to help me, whether for tutoring, class scheduling, or just answering a question," said Diaz-Rios. "The faculty have greatly contributed to my success. They exceed my expectations by sharing their knowledge in a way that I can apply to everyday life."

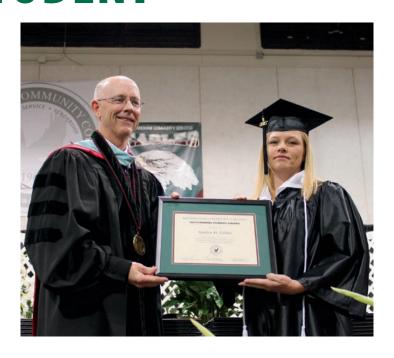
When nominating Diaz-Rios for the honor, Instructor of Art Phil Haralam wrote, "Olga set an example and raises the bar for everyone in class. Her pleasant demeanor and encouraging suggestions draw people to her and opens many avenues for dialog in the classroom. Collaboration and constructive criticism are skills that my courses attempt to foster, and her presence in the classroom proves to act as a strong catalyst for this goal."

GIBBS NAMED RCC'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT

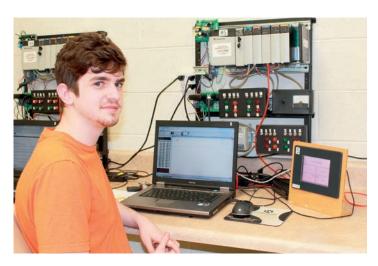
RCC's Outstanding Student Award for 2017 was presented to Sandra H. Gibbs during the Spring Commencement Ceremony.

Each year RCC faculty presents the Outstanding Student Award to a May graduate. The student is selected based on academic excellence, contribution to the College community, and potential for continued study or occupational advancement.

Gibbs is a dedicated employee of Morehead Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department. Gibbs received the Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing and plans to continue her education toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.



COE NAMED DUKE ENERGY INTERN



Matthew Coe of Eden was awarded an internship with Duke Energy through its Power Careers Program. Coe has been a student at Rockingham Community College since 2015 and is currently enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science Electrical Systems Technology program.

Coe will intern at the Belews Creek Steam Station. The internship program is a unique opportunity for students to receive hands-on experience and training that will prepare them for the workforce.

Students must be nominated by a member of their school faculty and meet academic requirements including a preferred 3.2 GPA to participate in the Power Careers Program.

"I like the hands-on work and using my intellect to solve problems," said Coe. "Transferring data from one part of the programmable logic controller to another is a challenge."

RCC's Electrical Systems Technology program is designed to provide training for persons interested in the installation and maintenance of electrical/electronic systems found in residential, commercial, and industrial facilities. Graduates should qualify for a variety of jobs in the electrical/electronic field as an on-the-job trainee or apprentice assisting in the layout, installation, and maintenance of electrical/electronic systems.

RCC Student Receives Independent Insurance Agents of NC Scholarship

RCC business administration student
Jean Nguyen of Eden received a
\$1,000 scholarship to be used as
needed to pursue her education.
The North Carolina Association
of Insurance Agents (NCAIA)
established the Independent
Insurance Agents of North CarolinaNorth Carolina Community College
System Partnership Scholarship to be
administered by the North Carolina
Community College Foundation. The
scholarship was established in honor
of the 50th anniversary of the North
Carolina Community College System.

Nominees submitted an essay describing career goals, volunteer work, life experiences and other activities that demonstrate commitment to their chosen program of study.

In her essay, Nguyen described her decision to start a family after high school graduation and the realization that she needed to further her education in order to have a career as a professional. She spent time in the local library taking free, online courses, reading and figuring out her life values. All the while, she continued to be determined to overcome fears and save money for her future.

"After a few years of learning business in my spare time, I felt like experimenting with my selling skills," said Nguyen.



She spent seven days cold calling attorneys offering to improve their presence on the Internet. With no takers, she finally spoke with an attorney who took the bait. The negotiated terms promised that she would improve the attorney's website and a 5% increase in revenue would be realized after one month. Needless to say she continued her work for over two years ending with a 36.3% increase in revenue for the firm.

"At that moment, I had my heart set on refining my selling, negotiating, and communication skills through the pursuit of my college education," explained Nguyen. "I plan to earn an associate degree and bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA."

Each of the fifty-eight community colleges in North Carolina were eligible to submit one nomination. A committee of the NC Community College Foundation selected 20 recipients.

Criminal Justice Club Travels to D. C.

RCC's Criminal Justice Club explored Washington, D.C. during the Spring semester. Lead by Ken Hux, Public Safety Department Chair and Anne Wade, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice; students toured the United States Capitol, Supreme Court Building, Arlington National Cemetery, the Law Enforcement Memorial, and area monuments.

"We try to make this an annual event for our students," said Hux. "Immersing our students in the D.C. experience is an advantage to many of students some of whom have never traveled out of North Carolina."

Hux explained the time spent interacting with students during this criminal justice focused excursion and helping them to experience something totally new is a great experience for everyone.



Science Club GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY



CC's Science Club sponsored a pet supply drive for the Rockingham County Animal Shelter. The club delivered over \$200 worth of supplies, including dog food, cat food, puppy food, cat litter, blankets, and beds to the shelter. Members of the club bathed puppies, walked dogs, played with cats, and cleaned kennels.

Gabrielle Rumley-Smith, Assistant Professor of Physics, serves as advisor to the club.



Front row (I-r): Savannah Powell, Margaret Peele, Samantha Ray, Natalie Horton Back row (I-r): Governor Roy Cooper, Mrs. Roy Cooper, Dr. Bob Lowdermilk

RCC Student Government Officers Visit Governor's Mansion

RCC's Student Government Association officers attended the annual N4CSGA Spring Conference in Durham this spring. This is one of two conferences each year for the SGA officers from North Carolina's community colleges. Club officers attended an open house at the North Carolina Executive Mansion hosted by Gov. and Mrs. Roy Cooper, who greeted the students at the conclusion of the tour.

Students and 2017 FINE Faculty Named ARTS FESTIVAL



Pictured from left – Alaina Smith, Jordan Alty, Hannah Lawson, Phil Haralam, RCC Fine Arts Faculty; Ray Martin, Professor of Fine Arts at RCC.

As the 2017 Rockingham County Fine Arts Festival came to an end, Rockingham Community College Fine Arts Professor Ray Martin received the best in show award for the second consecutive year. Martin received best in show during the 2017 exhibit for his photograph *Silver Siblings*. During the 2016 exhibit Martin received best in show for his mixed media work *Funny Bones*.

RCC Fine Arts students Jordan Alty, Olga Diaz-Rios, and Alaina Smith each took home third place ribbons. Alty for her acrylic painting *The Derelict*, Diaz for her sculpture *Lost at Sea*, and Smith for her oil painting *Leaf by Niggle*.

Phil Haralam, RCC fine arts faculty member, received first place honors in sculpture and ceramics for his piece *No Defeat* and in pottery for *Cotton Tea Pot*. Last

year Haralam also received first place in the sculpture and ceramics category.

Ben Winslow, part-time pottery instructor for the college was recognized with second place in pottery for his piece *Dripping Pitcher*.

"RCC student Hannah Lawson made the show come to life," said Martin of his student. "She served as curator for our group and did an amazing job."

The Rockingham County Fine Arts Festival is supported by the Fine Arts Association of Rockingham County. This was the 73rd anniversary of the festival.

Men's Baseball

The RCC Eagles Men's Baseball Team completed their season with a final record of 17 wins, 25 losses, and one tie under the direction of Head Coach Reece Honeycutt who was in his second season with the college. The Eagles were ranked ninth nationally in March due to several big wins throughout the season. They include: one





win each over Guildford Technical Community College (D2) and Wake Technical Community College (D2). Montgomery College (D3) located in Maryland fell to the Eagles later in the season and the Eagles also had a three-game sweep over Lenoir Community College (D2) and a win over Marshalltown Community College (D1) located in Iowa.

Infielder Caleb Henderson was awarded 1st Team All-Region. Four Eagles were awarded 2nd Team All-Region: Infielder Jehu Zarate, Outfielder Dylan Haskell, Outfielder Brandon Moore, Pitcher Hunter Lowery.

Infielder Jack Witner was awarded the prestigious NJCAA 1st Team All-Academic Team Award.



Wolmein⁹s Volleyball Head Coach Brooke Hensley Young began as the new coach for the Lady Eagles in the Fall. They completed the season with a final record of 6 wins and 14 losses and a conference record of 4 wins and 9 losses, playing most of their games with nine players.

Freshmen Cassie Gover was named 2nd Team All-Region. Sophomore Caroline Webster received the NJCAA National Academic Award of Second Team All-Academic Team for an overall GPA of 3.8 or higher. Sophomore Natatlie Horton received the NJCAA National Academic Award of Third Team All-American for an overall GPA of 3.7.

Celebrating

Seal'S of Changing Lives Through Education

Rockingham Community College commemorated 50 years of service throughout the year with a variety of activities and special events. Faculty and staff kicked off the academic year with a welcome back breakfast and students were entertained during a Fall Kickoff event that included free food, games, music, and displays by student organizations. The RCC Foundation Gala was held in October and the theme was a celebration of the 1960's and displays of photography from the James Library Archive were available for guests to enjoy. Throughout the fall, RCC employees and students were invited to participate in a History Hike designed to improve wellness and engage the group with historical trivia about the college.

Celebrations during the winter months included a Countywide Chamber of Commerce Coffee and an art exhibit from Associate of Fine Arts alumni and faculty. Homemade Music was held for the 19th year in February. Local musicians consisting of RCC alumni, retirees, and current students and employees performed for a packed house.

A 50th Anniversary Concert featuring Penn Family Music was held on campus in April. The college held a special Arbor Day event that included planting a paperbark maple tree on campus and celebrated RCC's designation as a Tree Campus USA. In May, the faculty and staff of the college partnered with the Rockingham County Department of Health and Human Services for an annual 5K "Kicking Asphalt" walk/run event. Proceeds provide funding for an RCC student scholarship.





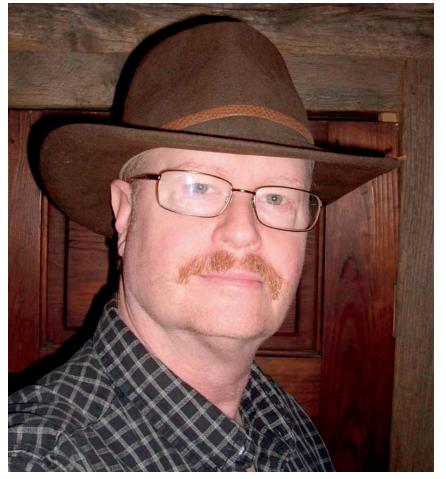


CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Growth is the key to the continued prosperity of Rockingham Community College, and with that growth comes maintenance and expansion of the institution's facilities. The college undertook a number of capital improvement projects during 2016-2017. Highlights include the following:







Dear Friends,

This past year the Rockingham Community College Foundation celebrated its 47th year of changing lives through education. The RCC Foundation is fortunate to have such a high level of support from our friends. It is your generous support that makes helping our students, informing our faculty and staff, and enriching our community possible. Individuals, businesses, industries, organizations, churches and civic clubs contributed \$533,917 to the Foundation this past year. I am pleased to share our annual report that

recognizes the benefactors and friends that make the work of the Foundation possible.

Internal support is vital for a successful campaign. It demonstrates commitment, trust, accountability, and loyalty from the faculty and staff that witness firsthand how donor's dollars are used every day. I am proud to say that the RCC faculty and staff raised over \$26,000 during the Annual Campus Fund Drive. This is an exceptional achievement for a school; however, Rockingham Community College is not your typical college and our RCC Foundation is quite extraordinary as well.

Endowed scholarships were established by generous donors, community gifts were collected by dedicated volunteers and caring people made memorial and honorary gifts in the names of loved ones and special occasions. Much appreciation for this year's success goes to the volunteers across the county who worked unselfishly and faithfully in various campaigns. Their efforts and the community's generosity are helping the Foundation to continue providing programs and services like student aid grants, work-study jobs, peer tutor programs and cultural programming not covered by government funding. On behalf of the RCC Foundation Board of Directors, faculty, staff, and students, I extend to you our sincere appreciation for your support. With your help we will continue "Changing Lives Through Education" for years to come!

Appreciatively,

Fletcher Waynick RCC Foundation President

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The Foundation's Talon Club is a comprehensive sponsorship program designed to support activities in all areas of the college, including cultural arts programming, athletics and special events. Just as the talons of the college's eagle



mascot symbolizes strength, support provided by

the Talon Club Members strengthens RCC. Members of the 2016-17

Talon Club who made contributions of \$1,500 included:

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For information on becoming a Talon Club member, please contact

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ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



The Annual Giving Campaign (AGC) is critical to raising unrestricted dollars for the college. This allows the funds to go to the greatest needs at RCC. AGC contributions support the much needed faculty/staff grants that enhance student programming, services, and scholarships.

On March 3, 2017, over 100 community volunteers joined the RCC Foundation in kicking off the RCC Foundation Annual Giving Campaign. The 2016-2017 Campaign Goal was \$150,000. The Campaign ended June 30, 2017 raising \$533,917.

Rockingham Community College $Campus\ Fund\ Drive$



The Campus Fund Drive is an employee giving campaign that kicks off each year when employees return to campus to begin the Fall semester. In 2016, RCC faculty and staff raised \$26,000 for the Rockingham Community College Foundation. These unrestricted dollars help support a number of initiatives on campus including:

Student Programs and Projects
Peer Tutors
Student Travel Program
Special Equipment and Supplies
Emergency Call Boxes and Cameras
Career and College Programs
Eaglemania
Work Study
Ambassadors
Professional Development
Special Events

29th Annual RCC Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament



1ST PLACE (I-r) Barry Tuttle and Mark Kinlaw. Not pictured: Charles Rakestraw and Spence Broadhurst.



2ND PLACE (I-r) Rich Prigge and Ronald Adkins. Not pictured: Danny Love and Fred Timper



3RD PLACE (I-r) Lawrence Chambers, Tony Gunn, Kevin Carroll, Grayson Whitt

Thank you Rockingham County stakeholders who contributed to the success of the 28th Annual RCC Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament on May 18, 2017. The RCC Foundation extends gratitude to First National Bank as the major sponsor, Oak Hills Golf Club for assisting with the tournament, and Tri-City Automotive for sponsoring the Par 3 holes.

To the golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and businesses, please know that your dollars impacted many RCC students by supporting student programs and services. Thank you for your participation in the 2017 RCC Foundation Benefit Tournament!

The Tournament Committee would like to thank Mickey Westmoreland of Oak Hills Golf Club for his assistance with this year's golf tournament. Special thanks go to employees of First National Bank, Rockingham Community College, and RCC's Maintenance Department whose many efforts help make this tournament a success! We appreciate RCC's Student Ambassadors for staffing the Bag Drop Area and volunteering during this year's tournament.

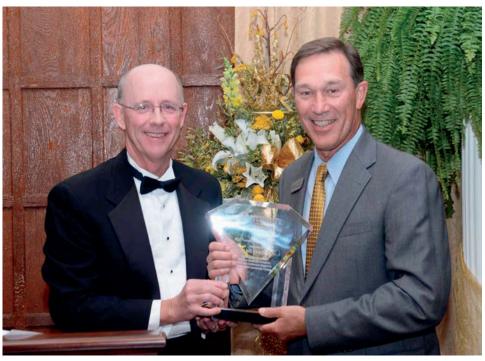








RCC President Dr. Mark Kinlaw presented the 2016 Friend of RCC Award to Charles and Cynthia Wharton.



RCC President Dr. Mark Kinlaw presented the 2016 Corporate Benefactor Award to Duke Energy. Davis Montgomery accepted the award on behalf of Duke Energy.

Rockingham Community College

Foundation Gala

A large crowd of Rockingham Community College Foundation supporters gathered at Pennrose Park Country Club for the 19th annual "Evening of Recognition Gala-RCC: Yesterday and Today." Proceeds from the Gala impacted projects and programs sponsored by the RCC Foundation including student scholarships, student aid grants, peer tutor programs, workstudy jobs, and intercollegiate athletics.

Guests were greeted with a limo outside from "yesterday", a tye/dye raffle room highlighting the "60's", and RCC pictures and yearbooks over the last 50 years displayed in the foyer. In contrast, Gala attendees cruised by the new RCC contemporary logo displayed in the foyer combined with the elegant green and gold colors representing the RCC of 2016. Adhering to the theme, guests began in the hospitality auction room of the "60's" as they thumbed through "45 rpm" records before moving into the contemporary glitz and glamour room for dining and entertainment.

The highlight of the evening came when the Foundation recognized those who had faithfully supported the Foundation's mission of service to RCC students, faculty, staff, and the community. The "Friends of RCC" award was presented to Mr. Charles and Mrs. Cynthia Wharton of Ruffin. The Whartons collectively served the college in leadership positions on Boards for 55 years in addition to serving as RCC Foundation Annual

Giving Campaign Chair for the County. They support many organizations and agencies within the Rockingham County community and have remained loyal donors. They have given generously of their time, talents, and leadership and played a major role in the Simulated Hospital as a named sponsor.

The Small Business Benefactor Award was presented to a business that has consistently supported Rockingham Community College for over 30 years-B & S Services. Butch and Stephanie Trent have graciously given back to RCC through a number of RCC initiatives and projects including the Annual Giving Campaign, the RCC Recognition Gala, the RCC Foundation Golf Tournament, the Simulated Hospital naming sponsor; the Athletic Program; and by establishing a general scholarship to benefit a full-time nursing student from Rockingham County. The Trents have served as change agents for RCC as they have helped transform student lives year after year.

Duke Energy received the Corporate Benefactor Award. Their support of college initiatives over the years, including a naming opportunity for the Duke Energy TRAILS Program, Talon Club membership, and multiple grant funding opportunities has been instrumental to the success of RCC. Duke Energy has assisted RCC in maximizing the return on investment in RCC students, programs, and services.















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(Civic Group)

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RCC Foundation Student Aid Grants \$12,000.00

RCC Foundation Work Study \$20,000.00

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) Peer Tutor Program \$25,190.00

High School Equivalency/Adult High School Scholarships \$2,000.00

Career and College Promise (CCP) Student Funding \$17,100.00 High School Equivalency Testing Vouchers \$5,750.00

Career College \$3,600.00

Assistive Technology Equipment for Disabled Students \$2,300.00

Financial Support for Intercollegiate Athletics \$20,000.00 Employee/Public Relations Functions \$13,000.00

Career Readiness Certification (CRC) Preparation and Testing Assistance \$2,700.00

Excellence in Teaching Award and Excellence in Staff Service Award \$3,500.00

Student Travel Program \$6,000.00

Eaglemania: College for Kids \$2,500.00

RCC Wellness Activities Program \$4,000.00

Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist Financial Assistance \$10,180.00

NC FAST: Income Maintenance Caseworker \$6,820.00

Manufacturing Essentials Certified Logistics Technician \$5,310.00

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