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The Road Ahead

As most of you know, VGCC is undergoing a Presidential transition. While the effects of new leadership may take time to fully manifest, one thing remains constant: our raison d'être remains to educate and train students for future success. In order to fulfill this goal, we need to receive feedback on best practices and new areas of opportunity. As we reorient ourselves and prepare to move forward, we need the help of our industry and community partners to help us continue the journey to reach the pinnacle of education and training in our service area.



and models for experiential learning, i.e. work-based learning for credit, internships and apprenticeships? How about ways to up-skill current employees? What is the best way to have training impact that leads to increased productivity? Community colleges remain one of the best engines for talent development, not just in the production stream, but for office management, finance, marketing almost any area of business operation has a corresponding program at the college.

Over the coming months we will bolster our efforts and contacts with our local workforce partners, high schools and industry partners to develop strategies to help drive economic growth, assist with training, and increase the employee pipeline capacity required to strengthen economic growth in our region. Together we can propel VGCC down the road toward greater impact. If you or your business is in need of training, or would like to help with the efforts please contact us: Ken Wilson (252) 738-3259 or wilsonk@vgcc.edu or Keith Shearon (252) 738-3256 or shearon@vgcc.edu.

Over the next several months we are embarking on the *Business and Industry Connect* project. We will be reaching out to gain valuable feedback, suggestions on next steps, determine needs that we can fill and reaffirm answers to questions. If industry and business value third-party credentials, which ones should we examine and possibly embed into our programs? Have we done an adequate job of explaining the virtues



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CaptiveAire TechTalk



Emily Launer, divisional HR manager of CaptiveAire, spent the morning with HVAC students on Sept. 10. CaptiveAire, an NCTAP partner is examining ways HVAC apprenticeships can help fill company employee needs. The



Emily Launer discusses the benefits of CaptiveAire

company, known for their commercial ventilation systems, also employs HVAC technicians to install, repair and service HVAC related equipment in their ventilation and outdoor air systems.

In 2016, CaptiveAire's sales exceeded \$400 million. INC. Magazine has repeatedly named

CaptiveAire one of the top 500 fastest growing private companies in America. With manufacturing facilities spread across seven different locations in the U.S., there is room for professional growth. Once implemented, HVAC students will have the



opportunity to enter an apprenticeship and receive educational instruction and on-the-job training while working toward the Diploma in HVAC. Upon completion, students would receive their diploma, state apprenticeship completion certificate, industry certifications, and journey worker certification from the Department of Labor. A hallmark of the apprenticeship program is that education is usually covered for students.

Contact Ken Wilson at wilsonk@vgcc.edu for more information on apprenticeships.



Students who committed to the North Carolina Triangle Apprenticeship Program participate in a signing ceremony in August 2018 as parents and employers watch from behind.

Training the next generation of workers

By Douglas J. Guth

The Trump administration is pushing to expand apprenticeships, last year issuing an executive order to provide more apprenticeship opportunities nationwide and assembling a taskforce to develop a foundation for future growth.

Training a new generation of workers will match them with millions of available jobs, bridging a lingering skills disparity that has left many positions unfilled, supporters say. In recent years, apprenticeships have even started evolving beyond traditional construction programs into industries including IT, insurance, healthcare and banking.

Community colleges are already hotbeds of workforce development, working to connect with companies on a variety of job training programs, offering nationally recognized credentials that apprentices can build on to further their knowledge and education.

American Association of Community Colleges President and CEO Walter Bumphus, who represented two-year colleges on Trump’s Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion, says the apprenticeship model is central to satisfying the widespread demand for talented workers.

“We have a chance to be the gateway to the middle class for many of our students,” Bumphus says. “Students can get an associate or bachelor’s degree, but a credential of market value can also take them to

a well-paying job. That’s been the role of community colleges for a long time.”

GETTING AN EARLY START

Some institutions are introducing apprenticeship programs to students as they finish high school. Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC) signed six high-schoolers to the North Carolina Triangle Apprenticeship Program (NCTAP) with a concentration on mechatronics.

The students are now apprentices with three area companies — Dill Air Controls Products, Revlon Inc. and Glen Raven Inc. — as they finish high school and earn associate degrees at either VGCC or Wake Technical Community College.

Per U.S. Department of Labor guidelines, the new apprentices will undergo 8,000 hours of training, gaining on-the-job equipment skills and mentoring while earning college credits toward a degree. Following graduation, participants will have further opportunities for workforce learning on the path to a journeyman’s credential.

VGCC hosts the curriculum portion of the training in its mechatronics lab, qualifying learners for employment in industrial maintenance and manufacturing in areas such as assembly, testing and repair. High school students join NCTAP the summer before senior year, taking two pre-apprenticeship classes to qualify for the full four-year program.

College officials like Kenneth Wilson, a project

manager for VGCC’s TechHire program, reach out to prospective mechatronics apprentices with assistance from high school career technical education directors.

“These students are already interested in automation and electronics, and there’s no shortage of need in either pursuit,” Wilson says. “A couple of our NCTAP partners are looking for their next managers and supervisors. Top salaries in those areas can be six figures, depending on the company.”

Establishing industry relationships means reaching out to company decision-makers and evaluating their needs. While numerous North Carolina firms are seeking apprentices in mechatronics and other areas — VGCC has two adult apprentices in its HVAC program and is in talks with industry partners to form a welding apprenticeship — the challenge comes in setting parameters for companies insisting on veteran-level production from new workers.

“Students coming through our welding program may be expected to hit the ground running with individuals who have been with the company for years,” Wilson says. “We tell companies that we were all young once, and started jobs where we couldn’t keep up. People learn on the job and it’s going to take years to become an experienced professional.”

GROWING ACROSS INDUSTRIES

The apprenticeship model also is being harnessed

in non-traditional sectors, with programs tapped as alternatives to four-year colleges.

Expansion into tech and other industries is part of Trump’s apprenticeship roadmap, which identifies skills shortages and quantifies the benefits of apprentices in meeting labor challenges. As a member of the 20-person apprenticeship taskforce, Bumphus heard from CEOs who championed community college efforts in shepherding through the next class of skill-rich jobseekers.

Bumphus says about 320 community colleges have Department of Labor-registered apprenticeships, a figure that could grow with continued industry support. Task force members also discussed the need for increased equity in the trades, a role Bumphus believes can be filled by community college students.

“Industries are looking at us because of the diversity of our enrollment,” Bumphus says. “We’re a place they can go to find a more diverse employee population.”

The overall demand for apprentices is certainly evident, observers say: More than 533,000 people held apprenticeships in the U.S. during fiscal year 2017, an upsurge of 42 percent since 2013, according to the Labor Department.

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Cool Weather is a sure sign that the NCTAP recruiting season has arrived. NCTAP is a youth apprenticeship program designed to develop experts needed in the modern workforce. Based in North Carolina’s Triangle area, NCTAP uses a hands-on approach focusing on integrated basic training to develop technical, methodological, and social skills across a wide range of disciplines.

Starting in the 11th grade, this four-year program is divided into modules, with classes leading to an Associate’s Degree (AAS) in Mechanical Engineering Technology at Wake Technical Community College or Mechatronics Engineering Technology at Vance Granville Community College and paid, on-the-job training at participating Triangle employers (*excerpted from the NCTAP.org website*).

NCTAP provides career opportunities such as:

- Welding Fabricator, CNC Machinist
- Mold/Plastic Technology, Sheet Metal Fabrication
- Machine assembly and repair

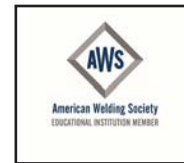


WELDING - THE NEXT GENERATION

On a Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, 15 students from Granville County high schools, led by Granville's Career Development Coordinator Tamara Rodebaugh, ventured to the VGCC Main campus welding lab for a hands-on exposure to the welding curriculum and instructors. Program Head Rusty Pace provided the students with a demonstration of D11 certification techniques and followed up with a stress test of the D11 welded plate. A



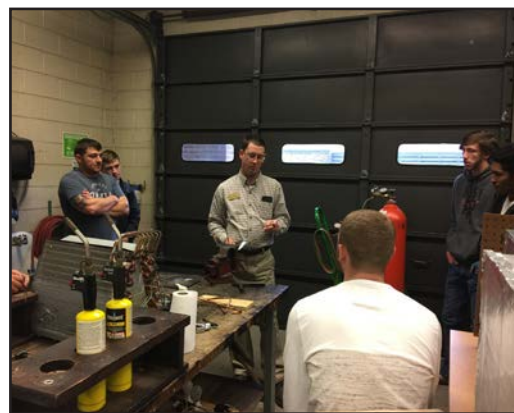
brief question and answer period followed regarding the demonstration, test and careers in welding. The Welding program continues to expand by offering a new night program at the VGCC Franklin County Campus beginning in January 2019. It is projected that welding positions will grow 6% per year through 2026, not taking into account the losses due to retirement and attrition.



HVAC - THE NEXT GENERATION

Tamara Rodebaugh strikes again! On Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2018, students from Granville County Schools, led by Tamara, stopped by the HVAC lab to get an introduction to the HVAC trade. Students were led through several demonstrations by VGCC HVAC Program Head Michael Whittemore.

We appreciate the diligence of Tamara to expose interested students to our Applied Technology programs. Exposure to the trades is key to increasing the number of students who can see themselves in these careers.



Michael Whittemore discusses HVAC with Granville County students

Our instructors are always willing to host students from our surrounding county, charter, private schools and homeschool associations for tours, demonstrations and information sessions. Contact can be made through the program heads of the target program. or by contacting Ken Wilson at wilsonk@vgcc.edu or 252-738-3259.

Cyber Security coming to VGCC in Fall 2019

Vance Granville is excited to announce a new degree in Information Technology — Cyber Security (IT-Cyber Security) starting in the Fall of 2019. Cyber Security is a new track within the Computer Science program. The IT-Cyber Security degree prepares graduates for a job market with over 20,000 jobs expected to open next year. In addition a variety of industry standard certification opportunities — including MTA Networking, MTA Security, MOS Word, MOS PowerPoint, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+, CompTIA Computer Fundamentals, CompTIA A+, and CompTIA – CySA+ will be embedded in the curriculum. Industry certifications are deemed highly valuable by IT companies and serve to validate the students' knowledge. Salaries for jobs in Cyber Security begin at approximately \$30 an hour.

The VGCC IT-Cyber Security degree will cover Computer Fundamentals, Networking Technologies, Security Technologies, Intrusion Detection, Ethical Hacking, and industry security standards to protect data on mobile devices, personal computers and

servers. Graduates should qualify for employment in entry-level positions as cyber security specialists, cyber security analysts, cyber incident responders,



and information assurance specialists. Our TechHire program (*see below*) can provide assistance and a jump start to individuals looking to enter cyber security by providing assistance with class and certification fees. Core classes are available now for students to prepare themselves for the IT-Cyber Security Curriculum starting in the Fall of 2019.

Start Your Information Technology Career with our help

The Department of Labor TechHire grant provides ample support to assist students in pursuing educational training and third party certifications in IT and advanced manufacturing. Both fields of study have outstanding current and future job outlook. Eligible participants (ages 17-29) can pursue training options and take certification classes (*grant eligibility required*).

Anyone interested in signing up may contact Ken Wilson at (252) 738-3259, via email at wilsonk@vgcc.edu or web at vgcc.edu/techhire.

NC VGCC TechHire Supported courses

CompTIA Fundamentals	CompTIA A+	CompTIA Server+
CompTIA Network+	Microsoft Access 2016	Microsoft Excel 2016
Microsoft Powerpoint 2016	Microsoft Word 2016	Microsoft Technology Associate

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Frigi-Temp welcomes a new HVAC Apprentice

Frigi-Temp and VGCC welcome Earnest (Trey) Hill III to the Frigi-Temp team. As the newest member of the Frigi-Temp/VGCC Apprenticeship team, Trey joins the ranks of many across the country who are finding apprenticeship a great opportunity to start a career, go to school and get great on-the-job training at no cost.

Trey spent four years in the United States Coast Guard as a navigator. We have come to enjoy Trey's outgoing demeanor and great attitude. As an apprentice, Trey will have the opportunity to develop his skills as a technician with the guidance of an orderly training process. As part of the apprenticeship program, apprenticeship sponsors are required to develop a training plan for apprentices. The plan acts as a roadmap on how training will take place on the job. This training approach distinguishes apprenticeship from the experience that many employees receive when starting a new job or career.

Companies relate that the process of setting up the training plan helped them add structure to the onboarding, training and future expansion planning by assisting with the orderly development of employee skills. VGCC is always looking for new apprenticeship partners. Opportunities are available in just about any field/course of study from bookkeeping to IT through logistics. We are glad to sit with companies to discover ways apprenticeship can help fulfill the hiring pipeline.

We sat with Trey to understand what drives him.

VGCC: *Is it Earnest or Trey?*

Earnest: *Earnest is my given name. No one calls me Earnest; everyone calls me Trey. If you say Earnest around my family and friends, no one would know who you were talking about. I prefer Trey.*

VGCC: *Tell us why you decided on the HVAC Apprenticeship program.*

Trey: *I wanted to do something technical and I read up on the HVAC field and realized that there is a predicted shortage of thousands of people to fill current and future vacancies.*

VGCC: *You are transitioning from military service, tell us about your experience.*



Trey: *I really enjoyed the travel but realized that separation from family was not my cup of tea.*

VGCC: *Did the military help you decide on your career?*

Trey: *I was a navigator. Once I decided to leave the Coast Guard, I realized that I needed to find something that was in demand.*

VGCC: *What has surprised you most since leaving the Coast Guard?*

Trey: *Really surprised about the incentives companies are offering vets. Companies seem to recognize the skills and capabilities that vets bring to the table. Surprised how many resources*

are available to veterans. Many are not highly publicized. You have to be proactive to find out about the opportunities.

VGCC: *Is there any advice you would give to students?*

Trey: *Start your career as early as you can. The faster you learn about your particular career choice the farther you can go. You can accumulate more earnings and become set for the remainder of your life if you start early.*

Mark the Calendar

2019 VGCC APPLIED TECH GRAD MIXER

Wednesday May 1, 2019

9-11 a.m.

- Welding, Mechatronics & Electronics.
- Register using the link below.
- Student profiles and resumes available to registered industry representatives Spring 2019.

[Industry partners: Click Here for Registration](#)

Frigi-Temp Makes Equipment Donation to VGCC

Youngsville-based Frigi-Temp, VGCC's partner in apprenticeship programs, has donated a large rooftop air conditioning unit to benefit students enrolled in the college's Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology curriculum program. "This industrial size unit will provide our students with hands-on skills training that will prepare them at a new level as they work to become HVAC technicians," said Michael Whittemore, VGCC's HVAC program head.

A commercial HVAC and refrigeration service provider and licensed mechanical contractor serving central North Carolina since 2001, Frigi-Temp (www.frigitemp.com) joined forces with VGCC a year ago on the VGCC "Vanguard Apprenticeship Collaborative," designed to cultivate highly skilled workers for large and small companies in a number of industries. Frigi-Temp, is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration program and is currently the college's only commercial HVAC partner.

The system is a three-phase 12.5-ton Lennox commercial gas package unit with two stages for heating and two stages for cooling. "We wanted this unit to be a very good representation of what one can expect when they walk on a commercial rooftop," said Thornton. "Vance-Granville is our local vocational resource," he added, noting that he has five team members who have attended VGCC. "This donation will hopefully be the first of many as Frigi-Temp strives to do our part in updating the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) labs at VGCC," said Thornton. "Students will have a chance to learn about the difference in maintaining a micro-channel coil and cycling condenser fan motors, among other exciting features," said Thornton.

"This is the best time I have ever seen to get into the industry. There is a massive amount of opportunity for someone to join the trade, become a true professional, and be very successful"

Over the next few years, there is an estimated shortage of more than 100,000 HVAC skilled employees. The demand for HVAC/R equipment is increasing at the same time that the supply of those capable of meeting the demand is decreasing. "It's a matter of economics, with shrinking supply, the price for HVAC/R services must go up. This also means that the wages of those capable of delivering those services will go up. This is the best time I have ever seen to get into the industry. There is a massive amount of opportunity for someone to join the trade, become a true professional, and be very successful," said Thornton.

Students interested in enrolling in the Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology program can contact program head Michael Whittemore at whittemorem@vgcc.edu or (252) 738-3214. Employers interested securing the next wave of talent developed via apprenticeships are encouraged to contact Ken Wilson, project manager for VGCC's TechHire grant program, at wilsonk@vgcc.edu or (252) 738-3259.



VGCC Staff and faculty gather with Frigi-Temp representatives. From left are Ken Wilson, TechHire grant project manager; Eddie Ferguson, director of the Endowment Fund; Michael Whittemore, ACHR program head; Angela Gardner-Ragland, dean of Business & Applied Technologies; Dawn Michelle Tucker, dean of Continuing Education & Basic Skills; Kyle Burwell, director of Occupational Extension; Cory Thornton, chief operating officer for Frigi-Temp; Tim Gray, president and owner, Frigi-Temp; and Kyle Hooss, organizational development manager for the Youngsville company.



PalletOne TechTalk

Butner-based PalletOne visited Main Campus on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Human Resources/Safety Administrator Wayne Pennington provided an engaging discussion about company philosophy and business practices. PalletOne is the nation's largest new pallet manufacturer and has the largest pallet inventory and greatest pallet assembly capacity in the United States, processing over 200 million board feet annually. PalletOne owns and operates pallet manufacturing facilities and sawmills throughout the eastern United States and employs over 1,300. All facilities utilize lean manufacturing principles, including 6S

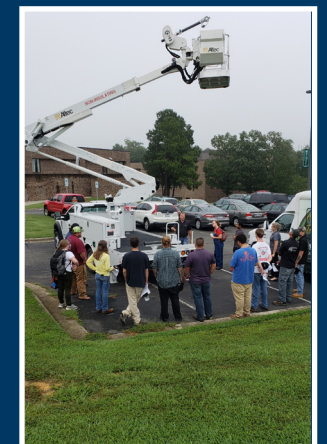
and kaizen events, that maximize production, reduce waste and deliver continual improvement. PalletOne is exploring ways to leverage apprenticeships to train staff and attract potential new employees to the industry. TechTalks are great vehicles for student/company exposure. We view these vehicles as wonderful opportunities to expose students to opportunities for future careers.



Altec TechTalk

VGCC Welding Technology students and faculty were treated to a TechTalk from representatives from Altec Industries on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Altec, based in Birmingham, Ala., has a production facility based in Creedmoor and is an industry partner with VGCC. The company is experiencing unprecedented growth and expansion and will be looking to fill numerous positions as machinists,

welders, press brake operators and final assembly techs (both mechanical and electrical). Sandy Whittfield and Jason Ladd discussed the values and culture at Altec and responded to inquiries about what it takes to become employed at Altec. Immediately following the TechTalk, students were allowed to closely inspect an example of one of the Bucket trucks manufactured by the Creedmoor facility.



Join our TechLink Series

We are now beginning the planning phase for our TechTalk and TechTour series for the academic year 2019. If you would like to expose your company to our students, we would love to hear from you. Contact Ken Wilson at 252-738-3259 or wilsonk@vgcc.edu.



VGCC Expands Electric Car Program

The Vance-Granville Community College Engineering and Welding programs are teaming up to offer an electric car building and racing program based upon the successful 2017 Greenpower 24+ electric race car project. Greenpower 24+ competed at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in April 2017. The new program will form small teams at local high schools and colleges, and foster competition for learning between the teams. Instructors Wesley Williams and Keith Shearon will be co-sponsoring the project with VGCC Dean Angela Gardner under SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA, a national organization, is a collaborative partnership of students, educators, and industries who work together to ensure America has a skilled workforce especially in various technical and service occupations.

The extra-curricular program will meet on Tuesday nights and has already begun the initial planning for a new race car chassis design. The new design will form the primary platform for all the college teams for the next two to three years. Our experience at Indy reinforced the need to have a

stable chassis design with only minor or occasional modifications. The design will allow the teams to focus on the problems related to aerodynamics, friction reduction, electronic control and power systems.



One of the first tasks to be tackled by the team concerning aerodynamics and fabrication will be the construction of a large-frame vacuum-forming machine. Although not terribly complicated, the large-frame vacuum-forming machine will allow students to construct patterns for bodywork, derived from their Siemens Solid Edge

virtual models. The patterns are used with plastic sheets to mold advanced bodywork for their electric vehicles.

As the group advances it will be looking for ways to engage with the local high schools and other colleges and universities both for collaboration and competition. Interested schools or students should contact Wesley Williams at williamsw@vgcc.edu or (252) 738-3541 or Keith Shearon at shearonj@vgcc.edu or (252) 738-3256.



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**Car Design/
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VGCC, Southeastern Form Partnership

On Monday, Oct. 22, in VGCC's Civic Center colorfully decorated with banners displaying the various applied technology, business and health sciences academic programs, VGCC and The College at Southeastern entered a partnership to provide "ready-made pathways" for students to dually enroll on their way to a Bachelor of Science degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. "Partnership is very important as you think about higher education today," said Dr. Levy Brown, Vance-Granville's vice president of academic affairs. "We hear about pathways. We hear about multiple entry points for students. We hear about collaboration. Today we are very excited to join Southeastern in this opportunity to provide training opportunities for their students."

Dr. James Dew, Vice President of Undergraduate Studies and Distance Learning and the Dean of The College at Southeastern, said he was pleased to see two institutions working together rather than being competitive in their recruiting efforts. Students have had to choose between schools when pursuing their college education, he said, "either here or there but not both." "We can do far more together than we can do apart..." he said. "I think the days are gone, or should be gone, when we compete against each other in unnecessary ways." "As we sat down to think about the possibilities," Dr. Dew added, "what we began to realize is that there are actually ways that we can serve each other. You have students in your vocational programs who ultimately desire to do something for the Lord. And we have students who very much want to do something for the Lord but are going to need along the way various kinds of vocational training to get there."

At C@SE, he said, they refer to the situation as the "Tentmaker's Paradigm." Citing Acts 18:1-4, where the Apostle Paul had a vocation of making tents. "He would go from place to place, and as he went he would build tents and that would give him a platform to reach the Gospel to the nations," Dr. Dew said. "That ultimately is our

vision," he added. "We are training a generation of people at Southeastern to go into the darkest places in the entire world, places where there is no hope, places where the darkness is thick and depression is strong. And there in those places shine their light of Jesus Christ to those places and to those nations. But to get there they are going to



James Dew of The College at Southeastern

need the kinds of programs that we see represented here in this room."

C@SE began in 1994 as an undergraduate school of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) in Wake Forest. Students who are pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree from SEBTS have had the option to transfer in an associate's degree from another college, dually enroll in a vocational program at another college or complete a business minor at C@SE. The partnership will provide a clear pathway.

Among the highlights of the partnership:

- C@SE students may enroll in as many as 12 credit hours per semester at VGCC and have those hours count towards their status at C@SE.
- Southeastern students who complete an associate's degree, diploma or certificate of study in a VGCC-approved vocational and/or applied technical program will receive full credit for courses taken in which a grade of "C" or better was earned.
- C@SE will also accept credits from high school and early college high school students enrolled in an approved Career and College Promise (CCP) track through VGCC.
- VGCC will allow students to dual enroll in a Bachelor of Science degree program at C@SE.

Dr. Dew also recognized Cory Thornton of the Youngsville-based Frigi-Temp a commercial heating, air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration service provider for being a part of a three-way meeting with VGCC and C@SE last year that eventually led to the partnership. Cory is the chief operating officer of Frigi-Temp which is now a partner in VGCC's Vanguard Apprenticeship Collaboration. VGCC's Interim President



Dr. James Dew of The College at Southeastern, left, and Dr. Levy Brown of Vance-Granville Community College sign a memorandum of understanding officially launching a partnership that provides a "ready-made pathway" for students to be dually enrolled at the two colleges.

Dr. Gordon Burns applauded the "efforts, insights and wisdom of Dr. Brown, Dr. Dew and all colleagues who supported them in our two institutions." "Thank you for making this day possible," he added. "I think it's especially important that we allow the doors to be open for further higher education. By accepting our credits at your college, you open the door to new opportunities to advance study, and for that we are most grateful," Dr. Burns said.

"We look forward to wonderful times ahead for this great partnership," said VGCC's project manager for the TechHire grant, Ken Wilson, who also spoke to the staff and faculty from both institutions who gathered for the signing. It is expected that the partnership will add energy to the workforce pipeline and other ongoing initiatives such as apprenticeships, work-based learning and internships. Questions about the partnership can be directed to Ken Wilson at VGCC by phone at (252) 738-3259 or by e-mail at wilsonk@vgcc.edu or Dr. Brent Aucoin at The College at Southeastern by phone at (919) 761-2286 or by e-mail at baucoin@sebts.edu.



C@SE/VGCC Application Steps

1. Speak with Your C@SE Advisor
2. Choose A VGCC Program
3. Apply for Admission
4. Submit Transcripts
5. Take Placement Test(s) if needed
5. Meet with VGCC Academic Advisor