

The
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY**

2015-2016



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A Message from the President

The mission of this college to “educate, inspire, and support” students to achieve professional and personal success is meaningful to our community. For the students we serve, Vance-Granville Community College provides an opportunity to receive a quality education that prepares them for careers or higher education. This past year marked the Commencement of the Class of 2016, a cohort that earned more credentials than any graduating class before them.

As we celebrated the successes of our students, we also increased our efforts to make college possible for many others. The College developed new opportunities for students to participate in education and training programs, extracurricular activities, and community engagement. As well, in the 2015-16 year, we broadened access through innovative services including the VanGuarantee Scholarship that guarantees education for more people in our community to the Eagle Voyage partnership that brings a baccalaureate degree onto our campus.

The academic excellence achieved this past year reflects investments in our future. Our highly-skilled graduates, along with our continuing education and workforce training, contribute to our region’s economic and community development. The success of our students in the 2015-16 year, illustrated in this annual report, is a tribute to the dedication of our faculty and staff and the commitment of our community partners.



DR. STELFANIE WILLIAMS
President
Vance-Granville Community College

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stelfanie Williams'.

A Message from the Board Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to commend the students, faculty, staff and administration of Vance-Granville Community College on another wonderful year! I have been honored to serve as Chair of the Board since 2012, and I thank my fellow trustees for their support. While I continue to serve on the Board, I want to offer my congratulations and best wishes to our new Chair, Danny Wright.

My colleagues and I have been very pleased with all of the progress that VGCC made during the 2015-2016 year, as the “Vanguard Vision” strategic plan continued to guide us forward. Our beloved College truly stands as a beacon of hope for the four counties we serve. When the trustees have the privilege of participating in Commencement exercises each year, we cannot help but be inspired and uplifted by all of the graduates who symbolize the mission of VGCC. The education, inspiration, and support that those graduates received while they were our students will have positive effects on their families and their communities for generations to come.

We are grateful that so many business and community leaders and other partners in our service area realize that fact and continue to support their community college. Working together with our communities, Vance-Granville will continue to lead the economic development of our region and build a brighter future for us all.



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VanGuarantee ensures students can afford degree

Dr. Stelfanie Williams, the president of Vance-Granville Community College, announced a major new commitment in March 2016 to eliminate financial barriers to higher education for residents of Vance, Granville, Franklin and Warren counties.

President Williams said a new need-based scholarship program, called the “VanGuarantee,” is designed to cover tuition, student fees and textbooks for eligible students whose financial needs are unmet by federal financial aid and other means of support. She made the announcement at a meeting of the VGCC Board of Trustees and was joined by school superintendents and members of the boards of education from the four counties served by the college.

VGCC already has a robust, almost 40-year-old Endowment Fund that provides primarily merit-based scholarships.

‘The VanGuarantee program enhances our college’s commitment to supporting deserving students, particularly those who demonstrate the greatest financial need, because we do not want the cost of attendance to be a barrier for any student at any stage. We want to guarantee that every student in our community who wants to earn a college degree can do so.’

— DR. STELFANIE WILLIAMS
VGCC President



“The VanGuarantee program enhances our college’s commitment to supporting deserving students, particularly those who demonstrate the greatest financial need, because we do not want the cost of attendance to be a barrier for any student at any stage,” Dr. Williams said. “We want to guarantee that every student in our community who wants to earn a college degree can do so.”

Making the VanGuarantee possible is a \$1.6 million bequest to VGCC from the estate of Wilbert A. Edwards, *shown at left*. The gift, announced in

2015, is the second largest in the history of the college. A resident of Oxford at the time of his death in 2001, Edwards was a native of Vance County and a decorated World War II fighter pilot. In addition to the VanGuarantee, funds from

the Edwards estate are being used for faculty development and for college facilities.

In its scope, the new program is believed to be unique in the North Carolina Community College System.

As policymakers and students have expressed growing concerns about the rising cost of a college education, Vance-Granville Community College joins colleges across the country in creating innovative “promise” or “guarantee” programs to make education more affordable and accessible.

The VanGuarantee attracted attention nationwide. The White House highlighted it in

a press release issued in April as well as a White House conference call with U.S. Secretary of Education John King and the College Promise Campaign (CPC). The CPC is a national, non-partisan initiative that builds public support for programs that guarantee tuition and fees for eligible, hardworking students to complete a college education. VGCC’s new initiative has also been included in catalogs of such programs, such as the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

Some colleges have made such commitments only to recent high school graduates, but the VanGuarantee applies to all students in the four counties, reflecting VGCC’s longstanding tradition of helping adults retrain for new careers at any age, Dr. Williams explained.

Nevertheless, she encouraged 2016 high school graduates to take advantage of the new opportunity to obtain a debt-free college education.

The VanGuarantee was made available to students in fall 2016. All residents of the four counties served by the college, regardless of their age or whether they have attended VGCC before, may benefit if they meet the eligibility criteria.



SUPPORTING

Superintendents and members of the boards of education of the public school systems in the four counties served by Vance-Granville Community College were present for college President Dr. Stelfanie Williams' announcement of the VanGuarantee scholarship program on March 21, 2016. From left, front row, are Darlynn Oxendine, member, Vance Board of Education; Dr. Elizabeth S. Keith, chair, Franklin Board of Education; Gloria J. White, chair, Vance Board of Education; Deborah F. Brown, chair, VGCC Board of Trustees; Dr. Williams; and Dr. Tonya Thomas, director of middle schools and AIG program services, Granville County Schools; back row, Dorothy W. Gooche, member, Vance Board of Education; Dr. Pascal Mubenga, superintendent, Franklin County Schools; Dr. Anthony D. Jackson, superintendent, Vance County Schools; Calvin C. Jones, chair, Warren Board of Education; and Dr. Ray Spain, superintendent, Warren County Schools.



EAGLE



Dr. Johnson O. Akinleye, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs of North Carolina Central University, left, and Dr. Stelfanie Williams, president of Vance-Granville Community College, formally sign an agreement outlining the Eagle Voyage partnership between their respective institutions.

Vance County Commissioner Leo Kelly, left, talks with VGCC Trustees L. Opie Frazier, Jr., center, and Donald C. Seifert, Sr., at a reception celebrating the college's Eagle Voyage partnership with North Carolina Central University.



SOARING

VOYAGE



VGCC, NCCU open new doors with bachelor's degree

The North Carolina Central University Department of Criminal Justice and Vance-Granville Community College signed an agreement in December 2015 launching Eagle Voyage, a new program offering a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice on the VGCC campus.

Representatives of both institutions held a signing ceremony in the Civic Center on the college's Main Campus, where VGCC is providing classroom space and technology support and NCCU is providing a two-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree for students holding an associate degree in Criminal Justice from VGCC.

Not only does Eagle Voyage represent the first bachelor's degree program available at VGCC facilities, it also marks the first time in which a full-time NCCU academic coordinator is based on a community college campus to coach, advise and assist students working toward their four-year degrees.

With credits transferring from the associate's degree, students will complete the accelerated program over the course of nine, eight-week mini-sessions and one summer at VGCC. NCCU is assisting with recruitment of students for each annual cohort.

"This is another exciting learning and partnership opportunity for NCCU and Vance-Granville Community College as we continue to work together to highlight our ability to provide a more seamless educational experience for our transfer students," said Dr. Johnson O. Akinleye, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"This partnership with Vance-Granville Community College adds to the growing number of partnerships that NCCU has with community colleges across the state. It is

through these types of partnerships that we are able to provide access to educational opportunities and academic resources to prepare Eagle Voyage scholars for success in the field of criminal justice."

Dr. Stefanie Williams, president of VGCC, said Vance-Granville Community College has been working to strengthen relationships with four-year universities to promote student success.

"Research indicates that when community college students have clear academic and career pathways, they are more likely to continue their education and graduate, and they have better employment outcomes as well," she said. "Through this partnership, our Vanguards will have a new way to continue their own academic voyages, soaring as Eagles into successful careers as leaders in criminal justice and public service."

Courses are being taught in a hybrid format consisting of a one-day-per-week onsite session at VGCC's Main Campus, with additional work completed online via Blackboard, a Learning Management System.

Students enrolled in the B.S. program in Criminal Justice at Vance-Granville Community College will be encouraged to join student organizations at NCCU and take advantage of other university resources such as access to the James E. Shepard Library and other NCCU online services.


Students also will have learning opportunities outside the classroom involving real-world experiences and programs to promote public safety. Upon completion of the degree, students will be qualified to work in public or private criminal justice agencies and similar organizations.



NFL star-turned-farmer Jason Brown's message to Vance-Granville Community College's Class of 2016:

'I hope you take this little bit of wisdom that God has given this farmer to realize your potential to sow your seeds, bear good fruit and reap an abundant harvest for yourselves, your families and your communities.'

EDUCATING



Life lessons for VGCC's Class of 2016

At Vance-Granville Community College's 47th commencement exercises on May 13, 2016, the graduates received life lessons from a Franklin County farmer, Jason Brown, who left behind a career in the NFL to raise his family and feed the hungry. Members of the Class of 2016 were joined by numerous loved ones in a picturesque setting, at the gazebo by the lake on the college's Main Campus.

Jason Brown had the distinction of being introduced by his mother, Deborah Brown, chair of the VGCC Board of Trustees. The Henderson native and graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill played a total of seven seasons in the NFL as a center, first with the Baltimore Ravens and later the St. Louis Rams. With several lucrative offers on the table, he decided instead to take a leap of faith and walk away from professional football in 2012. He and his wife, Dr. Tay Brown, moved back to North Carolina and purchased a 1,000-acre farm in Louisburg, which he dubbed First Fruits Farm. The farm has become known for donating produce to food pantries and churches throughout the Triangle area.

Brown used a number of agricultural metaphors in his remarks to the VGCC graduates, because, as he said, what he has learned as a farmer "has completely changed my perspective on life." He compared "pruning" to training. "The biggest mistake I made for two years was not pruning some of my fruit trees," Brown recalled. "They grew wild and untamed. When you aggressively prune the trees, it does something special. They become agitated and stimulated to grow even more, but now, in the direction they are intended to grow." Likewise, people can learn from painful acts of pruning.

Daniel Davis of Norlina, who graduated with both an Associate in Arts degree and an Associate in Science degree and an Warren Early College High School student, the 19-year-old became the first student from any Early College program to serve as VGCC's

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Graduation

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student graduation speaker. Davis, *shown above*, was continuing his education at East Carolina University.

Declaring that “the best is yet to come,” Davis said that commencement was “a celebration not only for how far we have come, but how far we will go.” He expressed his appreciation to those who had supported him at the college. “Vance-Granville’s faculty and resources have been instrumental in my success,” Davis said.

Following the speakers, VGCC President Dr. Stelfanie Williams thanked both for their inspirational words and “seeds of wisdom.”

“At VGCC, we support professional and personal success, and I want to take a moment to recognize personal successes as demonstrated by the Class of 2016,” Dr. Williams said. She then asked graduates to stand if they fit certain criteria: if they were Early College High School students, were the first in their family to earn a college degree, attended college while taking care of family members, completed college to prepare for employment or to start their own businesses, and finally if they planned to transfer to a university. At that point, all graduates were on their feet. “Standing before us is our college’s living mission,” she said. “This is what we do: we build the middle class, we make dreams come true, and we open doors to endless possibilities for our students.”

Members of this year’s class, including those predicted to graduate at the end of the summer term in July, were awarded 601 credentials, the most awarded at any single commencement in VGCC history.

VGCC alumna encourages Adult Basic Skills graduates

Graduates of Vance-Granville Community College’s Adult Basic Skills programs were challenged to believe in themselves and to continue their education, as an alumna who is now a member of the Henderson City Council offered encouragement at commencement exercises on May 5, 2016.

“Twenty-five years ago, I was sitting in the same spot that you all are sitting in,” Melissa Elliott, *shown above*, told the graduates, who were among those students who have completed either the Adult High School Diploma program or the High School Equivalency program in the past year. “Back then, I didn’t know if I was capable of doing anything, but 25 years later, I’ve conquered four degrees, and I’m working on my doctorate right now.”



As the principal commencement speaker, Elliott, in her first term on the Henderson City Council, urged the new graduates to enroll in a curriculum program at VGCC immediately, just as she once did in the Criminal Justice program. Her associate degree from the community college paved the way for Elliott to continue her education, serve in various capacities in law enforcement and start her own non-profit organization, Gang-Free, Inc.

Speaking on behalf of the graduating students during the ceremony was Melissa Pearce of Franklinton, who said she overcame adversity to graduate and then enroll in the VGCC Early Childhood Education program.

“My goals are to one day become a director of a day care to provide the care and support that all children need,” she said.

Pearce urged her fellow graduates, “Don’t give up on your dreams, no matter how long it takes.”

'First ever' at VGCC

Grads earn new degree, state certifications

Among those walking across the stage at Vance-Granville Community College commencement exercises on May 13, 2016, were two students who became the first-ever graduates of the college's Associate in Applied Science degree program in Welding Technology. VGCC has offered a three-semester diploma program in Welding for more than 40 years but added the two-year degree option in 2015.

J. Grant Stoner of Macon, *shown at left in the photo at right*, and Kyle S. Vipperman, *right*, of Raleigh both completed the degree in its first year. The two-year (66-credit-hour) curriculum provides additional instruction for entry-level technicians in the welding and metalworking industries.

Meanwhile, the Paralegal Technology program at Vance-Granville can now boast a 100 percent passing rate on the state certification exam, after three of the program's first graduates became North Carolina Certified Paralegals.

Kevin Ward Allen of Franklinton, employed with the Law Office of T. Allen Gardner in Louisburg; Kristy Hope Orr of Henderson, employed with the law firm of Perry & Waters in Henderson; and Michelle R. Williams of Raleigh, employed with the law firm of Howard, Stallings, From, Hutson, Atkins, Angell & Davis in Raleigh, sat for the paralegal certification exam at the North Carolina State Bar in October. All three



passed, becoming trailblazers for the two-year VGCC program, just as they were when they were among the first seven to earn their degrees in May 2015.

VGCC Paralegal Technology graduates have the opportunity to become certified because the program was designated as a "Qualified Paralegal Studies Program" by the State Bar in early 2015. The certification program is voluntary for North Carolina paralegals.

CELEBRATING

Firsts

VOLT adds A.A. degree; Histotechnology comes to VGCC

While Vance-Granville's online initiative was adding a new program option, the college was also adding a new degree program in Health Services.

Students are now able to work on an Associate in Arts degree, earning the first two years of a four-year degree, through the "Vanguard Online Learning through Technology" (VOLT) initiative. VOLT courses are for adult learners who need an online-only educational experience.

VOLT features four other two-year degree programs — Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Medical Office Administration - Coding Specialist, and Global Logistics and Distribution Management Technology.



New opportunities to train for medical laboratory technician careers became available at VGCC through a newly added degree program in Histotechnology. Vance-Granville became the only North Carolina community college currently offering the two-year program. Histotechnology provides students with the knowledge

and skills necessary to prepare tissue specimens for microscopic examination using various stains and dyes to identify tissue and cell structures. Histology Technicians play key roles in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases including cancer.

Also in 2015-2016, VGCC's Electronics Engineering Technology program moved to the college's South Campus. The program had been based at VGCC's Main Campus since it first began in the 1981-82 school year.

New Simulation and Game Development courses also are being offered after the college added a two-year degree track in the growing Information Technology career field.

On the way

SGA leaders take their education to the next level

Vance-Granville Community College celebrated the graduation of a number of outgoing leaders in its Student Government Association (SGA) in 2016, sending many of them off to four-year universities, including Duke, East Carolina, N.C. State, N.C. Wesleyan, NCCU and UNC-Charlotte.

Among them was Lydia Hendrick of Oxford, SGA senator for the college's South Campus, who graduated with both an Associate in Arts and an Associate in Science degree as a Granville Early College High School student. Hendrick accomplished that feat in four years rather than the typical five. After graduation, she was on her way to Duke University in the fall with her entire first year covered by the Washington Duke Scholars Program. "It is a relatively new program designed to support first-generation college students with demonstrated financial need," Hendrick explained. "I am so grateful that I received this scholarship and the opportunities that come with it; without it, attending Duke University would just be a far off dream." She called her VGCC degrees "the best foundation that I could ever have to build upon."

Like Hendrick, SGA Secretary/



Treasurer Isabelle Louise Snyder of Butner also graduated with both degrees through Granville Early College High School. Snyder, her high school valedictorian, was planning to continue her education at N.C. State University. Daniel Davis of Norlina, the SGA Parliamentarian, completed both degrees as a Warren Early College High School student and served as the college's student speaker for commencement. He was headed to East

Carolina University in the fall to study business, with future plans to go to law school. "Early College at VGCC gave me a smooth transition from high school to the college experience," Davis said. "It made me responsible and gave me more confidence."

His Warren Early College High School classmate, Shane O'Malley of Inez, the senate chair for Main Campus and Warren Campus, planned to transfer to N.C. State to major in



INSPIRING

Several VGCC Student Government Association officers are seen here shortly after they graduated from the college on May 13, including, standing, from left, Emory Gant-Hawkins, Cassandra Saroza, Isabelle Louise Snyder, Lydia Hendrick, Angelique Taylor, Daniel Davis and Shane O'Malley; and kneeling in front, Keyante Lindsey.

animal science. Her goal is to become a veterinarian. "I definitely feel that my experience at Vance-Granville has prepared me well to take on a four-year university, because I've been taking college classes since I was a freshman in high school," O'Malley said. She decided to go to VGCC through the Early College program "to get on my career path as fast as possible," she said.

As of graduation, another future member of the Wolfpack was SGA

Vice President Cassandra Saroza of Louisburg, who was a Franklin County Early College High School student and graduated with an Associate in Arts. Saroza said that at NCSU she would double-major in biological sciences and psychology and minor in cognitive science. She would start her four-year university experience with a study-abroad trip to Colombia in June and July, which would earn her a Sociology credit. She has received

several scholarships from NCSU. Saroza praises her VGCC instructors, whom she called "passionate about the subjects they teach, and always willing to help you.... Everyone at VGCC wants you to succeed."

SGA President Aleria Perry of Henderson, Public Information Officer Keyanté Lindsey of Oxford, and Samantha Huffman of Durham, senator

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SGA

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for South Campus, also each completed an Associate in Arts degree. Perry, a U.S. Army veteran, *shown at right*, planned to continue her education without having to leave VGCC's campus through the new Eagle



Voyage program at North Carolina Central University. The program will offer a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Perry would like to attend law school after completing that degree, and credits her VGCC graduation with giving her "a boost in self-esteem."

Lindsey, meanwhile, was planning to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to study physical therapy. At VGCC, he was a member of the Vanguard basketball team and performed in the recent dramatic production of "Deathtrap." He and his fellow officers are proud of what they accomplished through SGA. "We made a big difference on campus," Lindsey said, citing VGCC's first-ever pep rally and talent show, for which he and O'Malley served as emcees. "We've gotten great

feedback from events like that." He said he would always appreciate the friendships he made at the college. "It's like a big family here," Lindsey said.

Angelique Taylor of Macon, SGA assistant secretary/treasurer, graduated with a degree in Human Services Technology/Substance Abuse. She completed her degree while raising a child as a single mother. The next step for Taylor was to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College on a full scholarship. She planned to double-major in biomedical science and psychology, with ultimate plans to go to medical school and specialize in forensic pathology. "I want to be an example for single mothers to say if I can get through this while pregnant and raising a child, you can do it, too," Taylor said. "So many single mothers think they have to wait until their child is older to go to college, but at Vance-Granville, there are people here to help."

Dianna DeWeese of Creedmoor, senate chair for South Campus, *shown above at right*, completed degrees in Accounting and Business Administration. After graduation, she was on her way to N.C. State University to continue studying the same subjects. N.C. State's bachelor's degree in accounting is consistently ranked as one of the top 35 undergraduate accounting programs in the country. DeWeese, who came to VGCC after being retired, is interested in forensic accounting. "I'm the first person in my family to get a college degree," she said, excluding her husband, Jacob, who graduated



from the VGCC Culinary Arts program last year. She encourages VGCC students "to take advantage of every opportunity that Vance-Granville gives you." DeWeese served as a tutor, a student

ambassador and president of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She recalled that people she met as an ambassador later provided her with letters of recommendation.

One graduate, Emory Gant-Hawkins of Henderson, SGA senator for Main Campus, completed a Culinary Arts degree but was returning to VGCC in the fall to complete a degree in Business Administration.

"We are proud of how these graduates have developed their leadership skills and served their fellow students," said VGCC Vice President of Employee and Public Relations Stacey Carter-Coley.

"They seized some unique opportunities that our college afforded them and have positioned themselves well for future professional and personal success. We are grateful for their contributions, which have set positive examples for Vanguard student leaders."

SGA stages Pep Rally, 'FrightDay'

The Student Government Association got more students engaged in student life and campus activities during 2015-2016.

A Pep Rally to kick off the basketball season, a Friday "FRIGHTDay" to celebrate Halloween, and hot dog and pizza lunches were among various events staged across VGCC's four campuses as student leadership took the lead in planning activities.

At right, members of the Step Team entertain students with their signature moves.





Student Government Association students take lead

Leaders for Vance-Granville’s Student Government Association were elected for 2015-2016 to promote the general welfare of the college in a democratic fashion and facilitate communication among the student body, the faculty and the administration.

SGA officers for 2015-2016 included, *shown above*, seated, from left, Senator Lydia Hendrick, Secretary/Treasurer Isabelle Louise Snyder, Senator Emory Gant-Hawkins and President Aleria Perry; and standing, from left, Parliamentarian Daniel Davis, Senate chair Shane O’Malley,

Vice President Cassandra Saroza, Assistant Public Information Officer Micah Roberts, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Angelique Taylor, Public Information Officer Keyante Lindsey and Senator Francis Scotland.

Not available for the photograph were Senate chairs Andrew Boyle and Dianna DeWeese and Senators Jessica Huffman and Samantha Huffman.

Student government provides a means through which students can promote interest in student activities both on and off campus.



Ambassadors showcase Vance-Granville

Vance-Granville Community College selected 13 students to serve as ambassadors for 2015-2016. Ambassadors represent the college at special campus and community functions, among other duties.

Chosen for the academic year were, *shown at left*, in front, from left: Shane O’Malley, Daniel Davis, Adam Rooker, Joy Herndon and Cadeema Scotland; in back, from left: Francis Scotland, Dianna DeWeese, Emory Gant-Hawkins, Tonya Parrish and Michael Frink.

Not available for the picture were Kathy Conant, Erica Medlin and Ambrianna Winston.



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Academic award for Caulfield

Vance-Granville Community College named student Elizabeth M. Caulfield of Louisburg as its recipient of the

North Carolina Community College System's Academic Excellence Award for 2016.

One student from each of the 58 colleges in the state system is honored with the award each year.

Caulfield was officially recognized at the college's Commencement in May 2016, when she graduated from the college with an Associate in Arts degree. That same month, Caulfield graduated from Franklin County Early College High School.

Caulfield is the first student from an Early College high school to receive the Academic Excellence Award in VGCC history. The college partners with four Early College high school programs, one in each county of the VGCC service area.

Caulfield said that her high school experience has been "unorthodox" but "thrilling."

"I would never change my decision to attend the

early college," she said.

"With the help of counseling and advice from VGCC staff and teachers, as well as some tutoring here and there, I was recently accepted into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Looking back, I know my solid foundation at VGCC has set me up for success when I transition into university-level classes. I have learned to manage stress, stay organized, communicate with instructors, take notes, and above all, make the most of my college experience."

Caulfield was inducted into the college's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and has made the Dean's List and the President's List. She has excelled in both her high school and college classes

while also working part-time at a local restaurant and taking part in student organizations.

At the high school level, Caulfield was a member of the National Honor Society and the Early College student newspaper staff.

As a VGCC student, she has participated in the campus Earth Day cleanup for several years.

Outside of school, Caulfield volunteered with the Franklin County Animal Shelter and Clearview Baptist Church in Henderson.

Her plans were to major in Sociology at UNC-Chapel Hill.

"We are proud to recognize Elizabeth among the top students in North Carolina," said VGCC President Dr. Stelfanie Williams.

"She is an excellent representative of both Vance-Granville Community

College and Franklin County Early College High School, and we know she will continue to excel as she completes her baccalaureate degree."

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— ELIZABETH
CAULFIELD
VGCC Academic
Excellence Award winner



Celebrating VGCC's success in Culinary Arts presentations are, from left, Public Services department chair/SkillsUSA chapter lead advisor Steve Hargrove, Culinary Arts instructor Chef Teresa Davis, students Denise White of Gela (won first place in a state-only event), Dustin Gregory of Oxford (who won first place in an event qualifying him for national competition) and Emory Gant-Hawkins of Henderson (won a second place award), and instructors Chef Rebecca Smith and Chef Riki Strum.

VGCC competes for national, state awards

Culinary Arts students from Vance-Granville earned two first-place awards and a second place in competitions at the 51st annual SkillsUSA North Carolina State Leadership and Skills Conference while Cosmetology students shined by earning honors at the North Carolina State Fair.

The college's chapter of SkillsUSA also received recognition with a Top Ten Membership Award in April 2016 at the conference.

VGCC's Dustin Gregory of Oxford won first place in the Culinary Arts category, qualifying him to move on to the SkillsUSA National Conference, held in June 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky, where he competed with post-secondary students from across the nation.

US Foods, one of the nation's leading foodservice distributors, and other friends of Vance-Granville helped to sponsor Gregory's trip to the



nationwide culinary competition.

VGCC faculty and staff held a "send-off" reception in Gregory's honor. He is the first student from VGCC to qualify for a national SkillsUSA competition.

Meanwhile, at North Carolina State Fair in October 2015, Cosmetology students from Vance-Granville took home several prizes in the second annual "Fantasy Hair and Makeup" and "Total Evening Elegance" contests sponsored by SkillsUSA.

A total of 57 North Carolina community college students from seven colleges competed at the State Fair, demonstrating their skill and creativity in these two contests.

VGCC had three winning students, the most of any school participating. Tamara Cozart of Butner won second place in the Fantasy Hair & Makeup contest, while Kierra Richardson of Macon placed fourth in the same category. In the Total Evening Elegance contest, Kiamesha Alston of Norlina placed fourth. Richardson and Alston take Cosmetology classes at VGCC's Main Campus, while Cozart is a South Campus student.



Radiography student Kemp selected for Scott honor

Vance-Granville Community College selected Nicholas L. Kemp of Wake Forest, a student in the Radiography program, as its nominee for the N.C. Community College System's Governor Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award.

The award was established in 2004 in honor of Scott, who served as Governor of North Carolina from 1969-1973, and as President of the N.C. Community College System from 1983-1995. Each year, the N.C. Association of Community College Presidents bestows the honor on one community college student in recognition of his or her academic and leadership achievements.

Kemp was recognized for his leadership as president of the Radiography Club and as one of the driving forces behind the "Save the Fox" bone marrow donor drive in the fall 2015 semester. He was also one of just two students — and the only one from a community college — selected to represent North Carolina at the American Society of Radiologic Technologists Student Leadership Development Program in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the summer of 2015. There, he addressed delegates from across the country on behalf of the students.

Kemp said that experience "was far more fruitful than I anticipated and the experiences, connections and friendships made will last a lifetime."

Kemp, who has received two endowed scholarships from VGCC, graduated in May. He already holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminology/Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina. Because of that opportunity, he was later asked to give a presentation on what the trip entailed at the 2016 N.C. Society of Radiologic Technologists annual meeting in April.

Kemp said that the "Save the Fox" drive marked his most outstanding leadership contribution as a VGCC student.



Culinary Arts student Gant-Hawkins chosen for Herring award

Vance-Granville nominated Emory Gant-Hawkins of Henderson, a student in the college's Culinary Arts program, for the N.C. Community College System's Dallas Herring Achievement Award.

The award was established by the system in 2010 to honor the late Dr. Dallas Herring, the longtime State Board of Education chairman and one of the state's earliest advocates of community colleges. Each year, the award recognizes a current or former community college student who best embodies Herring's philosophy of "taking people where they are and carrying them as far as they can go."

Gant-Hawkins said that before she became a VGCC student, she did not recognize her own potential. "Before, I always thought about my dreams, yet I never really reached for them," she said. "Now I am the person who strives to overcome obstacles. While some people see unfortunate circumstances as boulders, I learned to look at them as stepping stones."

Gant-Hawkins has overcome the challenges of balancing her responsibilities as a wife and mother with her studies and a part-time job at the Henderson Country Club. She not only has excelled academically but also became a student leader. Gant-Hawkins served as a student ambassador, a senator representing the college's Main Campus in the Student Government Association, and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She has received endowed academic scholarships from VGCC and earned Dean's List honors. Gant-Hawkins is a member of the college's SkillsUSA chapter and placed second in the state in a SkillsUSA competition.

She graduated with her Culinary Arts degree in May and returned to VGCC to complete a Business Administration degree. In her interactions with other students, Gant-Hawkins also strives to embody the philosophy of Dr. Herring by encouraging them to see their potential. "Because many people look only at where they stand, they may not even see the distance they can go," she said.

CONTINUING *Education*

Improving quality of life through variety of programs

Variety is certainly what students can expect from Vance-Granville Community College and, perhaps, no division of the college better personifies the word than Continuing Education. The opportunities offered in 2015-2016 demonstrate the division's intention to continue to meet students' ever-changing needs.

The Continuing Education team in the Human Resources Development, Occupational Extension and Occupational Healthcare departments develops programs that can lead to potential employment. Personal Enrichment focuses on courses to enhance skills, learn new ones or just enjoy life, with classes like painting, digital photography or motorcycle safety. Those who work in Public Safety, or are pondering that career field, receive training in programs in Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue or Emergency Medical Services. Those who are interested in starting a business, as well as established entrepreneurs who need additional information, turn to the Small Business Center for assistance. Employers desiring training for their workforce receive top-quality services from the Customized Training/Industry Services Department. Whatever the interest or need, the Continuing Education

division at VGCC is a great first educational stop.

Among highlights of the academic year for the Continuing Education division was a partnership with the Justice Rural Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin County to offer an unusual training program designed to prepare firefighters for specific emergency situations that may occur on farms.

The VGCC Fire/Rescue Programs course in "Agricultural Machinery Rescue" was designed to train fire and rescue personnel to develop strategies to better manage agricultural rescue emergencies.

"This course is designed to train fire and rescue personnel so that they can begin to develop sound strategies to better manage agricultural rescue emergencies," instructor Joe Burris of Greenville said. "We covered as many of the rescue/recovery possibilities that we could, including stabilization, disentanglement, extrication and entrapment of a patient under a tractor that we overturned as well as other scenarios involving heavy equipment."

Kelly Harris, former chief of the Justice VFD, said the six-week program was one of the best training programs he had seen in his 32 years with the fire department. He called it "a superior class ... and a great opportunity to learn a vast number of procedures to assist fire and rescue personnel."

Meanwhile, one of the newest Continuing Education programs at VGCC received high-tech equipment thanks to grant funding from the N.C. Department of Transportation. The Heavy Equipment Operator training program, based at the college's Warren Campus in Warrenton, has three computerized training simulators manufactured by John Deere, shown in the photo at left.

Each simulator allows students to virtually train on a different type of equipment: a motor grader, a four-wheel drive loader and a backhoe. Students use foot pedals, joysticks and steering wheels that mimic those found in actual heavy equipment, while large computer monitors in front of them display a virtual jobsite in the first-person style of a video game. These simulators offer a safe and efficient way to train new operators in a risk-free environment.

VGCC's Mobile Food Truck Entrepreneurship Workshop Series returned for a second year, making rounds first at the Franklin Campus in August and then at the Warren County





Jarett Depizzol of the Justice Rural Volunteer Fire Department, shown at center in harness, is hoisted through the air to the top of a grain bin on the farm of Kelly Harris in the Justice community near Spring Hope as part of a rope rescue training exercise. Depizzol is also a student in the College Transfer program at VGCC. Seated on top of the bin are, from left, instructor Joe Burris and Russell Bottoms of the Louisburg Fire Department.

Campus in March. The series of courses for entrepreneurs who want to compete in the growing food truck industry is unique in the N.C. Community College System.

A partnership of VGCC's Small Business Center and Personal Enrichment department, the program features four classes — "The Art of Food Truck," "Concept and Design," "Administrative Necessities," and "Marketing for Success."

The August series concluded with a Food Truck Rodeo for the public on the Franklin Campus. After the Warren Campus class, a mini-rodeo was held in conjunction with the "Family and Friends Celebration" sponsored by radio station WARR.

Vance-Granville celebrated in October 2015 the graduation of students from the 14th edition of a class called "Let's Have an Afternoon Tea," while also celebrating the woman who created the unique class. The class held its graduation ceremony with an afternoon tea party planned and carried out by the students at Magnolia Manor Plantation Bed and Breakfast in Warrenton. Among the guests was



Constance "Connie" Lue of Oxford, shown third from left in the photo above, who established the course and had taught it at VGCC since 2006 before handing off teaching duties to Dr. B.K. McCloud of Oxford, a graduate of the course and a retired professor of education.

CLIMBING





The Vance-Granville Community College Vanguard men's basketball team made history on Jan. 16, 2016, playing the University of North Carolina JV team at the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill. Not only was it VGCC's first foray onto one of college basketball's most well-known courts, but it was also the first time that a UNC JV game had ever been broadcast on the radio. Henderson-based WIZS 1450 AM carried the Saturday morning game live.

Photo by Mark Dolejs



Taking athletics to new heights

Volleyball players named to All-Region teams

Two members of Vance-Granville's women's volleyball team in 2015 were recognized by coaches in National Junior College Athletic Association Region X as the Vanguards finished the winningest season in program history and scored two No. 1 statistical rankings in Division III.

Kara Reese of Henderson, *shown on the left*, was named to the All-Region X Second Team, while Jesse Edwards of Henderson, *shown on the right*, received an Honorable Mention for the All-Region team.

Reese is a student in the VGCC Radiography program.

Edwards is a College Transfer student with plans to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing program, and is also a Nurse Aide I graduate.



Reese was also an outstanding player on the national level. At the end of the regular season, she was ranked number one in the nation for Division III in blocks per set (1.66) and number two for solo blocks (120).

She was ranked 15th for kills per set (3.51), 32nd for total kills (256) as well, and 41st in the nation for hitting percentage (.292).

Other Vanguards in the national top

50 statistics were Melissa Elliott of Townsville, who was 28th in assists per set (7.07) and Rachel Thomas of Louisburg, who was 41st in digs per set (4.14).

Led by Reese, VGCC as a team ranked first in the nation in blocks (283) and in blocks per set (3.46), as well as seventh in hitting percentage (.292).

Strong performances in basketball

Several of the Vanguards men's basketball team at Vance-Granville Community College logged outstanding athletic performances during the 2015-2016 season.

Raekwon Hall of Raleigh finished his sophomore season as VGCC's leader in points per game, with 19.2.

His fellow sophomore, Tyrek Beverly of Oxford, was second, with 15.6 points; freshman Ty'Quon Reid of Durham, third with 14.4 points.

Donal Gooch of Raleigh, also a freshman, stood out in rebounding, leading the Vanguards with 6.7 rebounds per game.

Sophomores Alcyone Moore of Charlotte and Tyrek Beverly put up 4.3 and 4.2 rebounds per game, respectively.

Hall led his team in assists per game (4.1). Reid made 2.1 steals per game to lead in that category. Gooch, the tallest member of the squad (at 6'8"), also blocked 1.9 shots per game.

As a team, VGCC ended the season ranked ninth in the nation in free throw percentage (74.1%).



The VGCC Male Mentoring program took a group of students on an educational trip to Atlanta as the spring semester drew to a close. The trip was designed to expose students to various colleges and universities and their signature programs, increase students' awareness of the world, and help them to connect academic learning to real life. The "mentees" who participated in the tour included Benjamin Marshall of Butner; Mikal Williams of Clayton; Cody Boylorn, Tyler Boylorn and Joshua Horton, all of Franklinton; Christopher Blue and Dajuan Harrison, both of Henderson; Matthew Jaurique of Kittrell; Miles Brown and Tyrese Perry, both of Louisburg; Bradley Gooch, Quincy Hart and Jonathan Williamson, all of Oxford; Travis Williams of Norlina; and Mycal Elam and Heriberto Leos, both of Warrenton. Students were accompanied by Greg Nash and Anthony Pope, co-coordinators for the Male Mentoring program at the college, and by Derrick Cameron, a VGCC Business Administration instructor who serves as one of the "coaches" for the program.

ENGAGING *Students*

VGCC students help with bone marrow drives

Vance-Granville students led the way in getting nearly 400 people added to the registry of potential bone marrow donors through two campaigns.

In partnership with the Project Life Movement and the "Save the Fox" campaign, the college held events on each of its four campuses during the week of Oct. 26-29. VGCC's SkillsUSA chapter then teamed up with national organizations and a local cancer survivor to find some potential heroes in a second drive.

Project Life is a national movement that started with students at Davidson College and has spread to more than 25 other schools and has registered more than 13,000 donors. The "Save the Fox" campaign is named after North Carolina Superior Court Judge Carl Fox of Orange County who was

diagnosed with blood cancer in April and has searched for a suitable bone marrow donor.

Whitney Johnson Espinosa of Henderson, who calls her campaign against childhood cancer "Whitney's Hope," organized the second drive on Main Campus. She connected with the SkillsUSA student organization through her mother, VGCC Dean of Business & Applied Technologies Angela Gardner-Ragland.

Espinosa was working in concert with three national organizations, "There Goes My Hero," Delete Blood Cancer and the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults.

Students, faculty, staff and community members signed up and swabbed their cheeks to provide DNA samples at these events.



HONORING

Retired VGCC president wins top state award

Dr. Ben F. Currin, the former president of Vance-Granville Community College, received the highest honor bestowed by the North Carolina Community College System, the I.E. Ready Award.

At a recognition ceremony held on May 27, 2016, in Raleigh, the luncheon marked a VGCC “family reunion” that brought together longtime college trustees, Endowment Fund Board members and senior administrators. Half of VGCC’s six presidents were in attendance, including Dr. Currin; Robert A. Miller, who succeeded Currin; and Dr. Stelfanie Williams, the current president. Currin was joined by his wife, Betsy, herself a veteran educator and former vice president of Nash Community College.

Janet Lowder of Albemarle, vice-chair of the State Board of Community Colleges, presented the award and medallion to Currin.

Named for Isaac Epps Ready, the first state director of the NCCCS, the prestigious award was created in 1983 to recognize individuals who have made significant, statewide contributions to the establishment, development or enhancement of the System. Previous winners of the award include former governors, state legislators, members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Council of State members, United States Senators, college trustees, college presidents and System presidents.

Currin’s 40-year career in public education included serving as president of VGCC for 18 years starting in 1981. Under Currin’s leadership, VGCC grew from one campus to four, with a total of almost \$18 million worth of new construction at all of the campuses. Early in his tenure, Vance-Granville also reactivated the college’s Endowment Fund, which grew from \$12,000 in 1982 to \$5 million at the time of his retirement and provided scholarships for numerous students.

Speaking at the ceremony, Currin said of his tenure, “It was just the most rewarding job I’ve ever had. I’m so proud to have served and to have been part of the growth of the college. I’m very honored and thankful for being recognized.”

‘I’m so proud to have served and to have been a part of the growth of (VGCC).’

— DR. BEN F. CURRIN
*VGCC President,
1981-99*

Dr. Ben F. Currin, former president of VGCC, right, chats with two of the College’s trustees, Danny W. Wright, left, and L. Opie Frazier, Jr., at a ceremony honoring Currin as the recipient of the prestigious I.E. Ready Award.



REWARDING *Leadership*

EDDIE FERGUSON PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

Eddie Ferguson, director of the Endowment Fund at VGCC, was honored in January 2016 with the President's Leadership Award from VGCC President Dr. Stelfanie Williams. Ferguson's honor is one of three Glen Raven Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards presented to VGCC employees during each academic year. Glen Raven, Inc., the manufacturer with a site in Norlina, is a longtime VGCC partner. Dr. Williams praised Ferguson's success in building strong relationships with local businesses and industries. "Eddie is a superb representative of Vance-Granville in the community," the president said. "He leads our efforts to partner with employers and citizens in our four-county area who want to support our students and our region's economic development." She noted that both of the Endowment Fund golf tournaments during Ferguson's tenure have broken records for fundraising success. Under Ferguson's leadership, several new scholarships have been established, as has a new online system for students to apply for scholarships. An Oxford resident, Ferguson has been a member of the VGCC staff since 2012, when he was named director of industry services. Less than two years later, he became Endowment director. Ferguson graduated from J.F. Webb High School before earning two bachelor's degrees, in Business Administration and Political Science, from Atlantic Christian College (today known as Barton College). Before he joined Vance-Granville as an employee, Ferguson served for many years on the Endowment Fund board of directors. His family foundation began sponsoring VGCC scholarships in 2000.



SOUTH CAMPUS STAFF VANGUARD CUP

President Dr. Stelfanie Williams applauded VGCC's South Campus in January 2016 by awarding the "Vanguard Cup" to its faculty and staff. South Campus in southern Granville County, lead by Cecilia Wheeler, campus dean, is the first recipient of the newly established honor for VGCC departments. A trophy inscription states the cup recognizes "exceptional team performance toward the college mission, vision and strategic plan." South Campus was cited for making gains after implementing strategies to empower and support students.



KRISTI SALMONS-ELLENBERG
FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Kristi Salmons-Ellenberg joined VGCC in 2010 as a Sociology instructor and became chair of the Social Sciences department in 2014. The department, part of the VGCC Arts and Sciences division, provides instruction in economics, history, psychology, political science and sociology. She has been lauded for the creative ways in which she engages students, and for her collaboration with other departments. She has volunteered to help teach at the VGCC Science Camp for middle school students. She earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Sociology at Marshall University in West Virginia. She completed coursework toward a Ph.D. in Sociology at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. At VGCC, Salmons-Ellenberg has served as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and as a Faculty Advisor for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, among other roles. She has helped coordinate professional development convocations for adjunct instructors. A 2014 graduate of Leadership Vance, a program of the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce, Salmons-Ellenberg has taught at Owens Community College (Ohio), Bowling Green State University, Marshall University and Marshall Community and Technical College (W.Va.).

Vance-Granville President Dr. Stelfanie Williams presented two of the college's three Glen Raven, Inc., annual awards to a pair of outstanding VGCC employees in August 2015. Kali J. Brown of Youngsville, the college's director of financial aid, was named Staff Member of the Year for 2015-16, while Social Sciences department chair and instructor Kristi Salmons-Ellenberg of Henderson was chosen as the Faculty Member of the Year.



KALI BROWN
STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Kali Brown has been a member of the VGCC Financial Aid Office staff since 2011, becoming assistant director in 2012 before being promoted to director in 2013. Brown earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics at Arkansas State. At VGCC, she has served on the Scholarship Committee, the Leadership & Planning Council and the Recruitment & Retention Committee. Colleagues have noted her intense focus on helping students understand how to pay for college and her detailed knowledge of federal, state and institutional aid programs. She conducts seminars for college employees, students and local high schools. Brown is a member of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and a leader within the N.C. Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NCASFAA), serving as membership chair for 2015-2016. She has trained professionals throughout the state by conducting workshops for NCASFAA, the N.C. Community College System and the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority. She previously worked in financial aid and student services at her alma mater, Arkansas State University, Arkansas State University – Newport (a community college), and Pulaski Technical College in Arkansas.

Online guide wins national recognition

VGCC's "Vanguard Voyager" student guide was recognized with an award by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations at the organization's annual conference in March 2016.

The "Vanguard Voyager: Your Guide to Professional and Personal Success" was awarded a Bronze Paragon award at the annual conference in St. Louis, Mo.

"For this year's Paragon Awards competition — the only one of its kind that recognizes excellence in communications exclusively among two-year colleges — more than 90 judges from around the country reviewed nearly 1,800 entries," said Andrea Hanstein, NCMPR president.

The Vanguard Voyager is an online-only guide available to prospective students on the college's website at



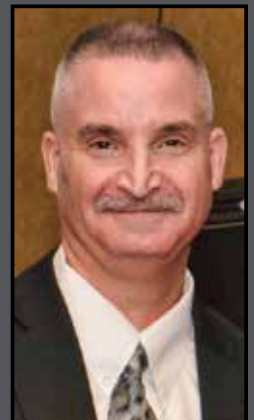
www.vgcc.edu/vanguardvoyager. Created under VGCC's Vanguard Vision goal to "provide resources and experiences to empower students and prepare them for work or higher education," the Vanguard Voyager provides students with helpful tips on choosing a major, achieving goals and enrolling.

Shown above, from left: Dr. Angela Ballentine, VGCC vice president of academic and student affairs; Cynthia Young, dean of arts and sciences; Beth Gray, publications coordinator for VGCC Communications; Angela Gardner-Ragland, dean of business and applied technologies; and Angela Thomas, dean of health sciences.

VGCC staff honored for exceptional work

Three members of Vance-Granville's staff and faculty were among those recognized for excellence and leadership during the 2015-2016 academic year.

A new award has been named in honor of VGCC Vice President of Finance and Operations Steven Graham, *shown at right*, by the Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing (CAGP). The association established an award for outstanding candidates seeking to become Certified Local Government Purchasing Officers, naming it the "Steven C. Graham Achievement Award" in recognition of Graham's commitment to developing current and future government purchasing professionals. He was instrumental in developing a training program for purchasing officers with the University of North Carolina School of Government. The CAGP is a group of state and local government employees in North Carolina and South Carolina whose duties consist of purchasing and contracting of public goods and services. The first award named in honor of Graham was presented in March 2016.



Jeffrey Allen, *left*, the director of student activities and athletics at Vance-Granville, received the Laura Thomas Award from the N.C. Association on Higher Education and Disability (NC AHEAD) in the spring of 2016. The award recognizes an outstanding professional outside of the field of disability services who has demonstrated exemplary support of disability services within a postsecondary academic setting. Allen was nominated for the award by VGCC counselor Cathy Davis, who serves students with disabilities. Davis said that when Allen was the college's director of leadership and professional development, he helped promote greater awareness of the VGCC disability services office.

Dr. Erica Fleming, the Pharmacy Technology program head/instructor for VGCC, *right*, graduated in April 2016 from the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program. She is one of 36 community college faculty and staff members from across the state who completed the program during the year. The leadership program, which includes face-to-face instruction at various locations, provides preparation and training to develop future community college leaders. In addition to strengthening their leadership skills, participants learn about the structure and governance of the community college system, enjoy opportunities for networking, and form a diverse pool of qualified educational leaders. Fleming said that through the program, she and her fellow participants received valuable insights from administrators, vice presidents and presidents from throughout the community college system.





EXPLORING



Middle and high school groups enjoy camps at VGCC

For several years now, Vance-Granville Community College has been bringing young people to our campuses on weekends and during the summer months to participate in a variety of camps and workshops.

Science Camp is one of a number of initiatives by the Arts & Sciences division to reach out into the community with unique learning activities. Rising sixth, seventh and eighth-graders participate in the week-long summer camp on Main Campus and Franklin Campus. Sessions feature fun, hands-on activities that involve various sciences and allow campers to explore career fields related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

The Teenworks Drama Camp, targeting rising eighth graders through high school seniors, is held each summer, also on the Main Campus. Participants rehearse and present a “junior” version of a musical.

And, on two consecutive Saturdays in the spring, a Biotech Workshop is held for students grades 10-12 who have taken or are taking biology and chemistry. Students

are introduced to Biotechnology during the Main Campus sessions.

VGCC, in partnership with Warren County Schools, is blazing a new trail with the National Summer Transportation Institute program. Staged on VGCC’s Warren Campus in June, the NTSI helps high school students to learn about career opportunities in transportation-related industries and how they might pursue post-secondary education for such careers.

High school students from across the region learn about health sciences and careers in medicine in the Mini-Medical School Summer Camps, conducted by the Wake Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in partnership with Vance-Granville. The intensive, week-long day camp is offered twice during the summer — at the South Campus and at the Franklin Campus. The Mini-Medical School uses computational science (computer simulation) and hands-on activities to study key aspects of medicine. The camp includes not only classroom lectures and guest speakers but also field trips, group projects and hands-on activities.



BUILDING *Partnerships*

Jobs on 'TAP'

The spotlight continued to shine on Advanced Manufacturing and jobs in 2015-2016 at Vance-Granville as VGCC and Oxford-based Dill Air Controls Products, LLC, signed on to join the North Carolina Triangle Apprenticeship Program (NCTAP) in an effort to provide new opportunities for local students and to prepare a skilled workforce.

NCTAP offers students a unique start to a professional career and develops them into future industry leaders, focusing on integrated basic training which develops technical, methodological and social skills.

Among other activities designed to help students with developing the skills needed for employment, at least 350 middle and high school students from Franklin, Vance and Warren counties, along with members of the community, attended VGCC's Advanced Manufacturing Day in early October 2015 on Main Campus. And 15 employers from throughout the

region joined VGCC's faculty, staff and students at the second annual Business Technologies Fair the following month.

Typically starting in the 11th grade of high school, the four-year NCTAP program leads to a student obtaining an associate degree at the community college and paid, on-the-job training at the participating employer.

Students in the program will be employed full-time by the company after they graduate from high school, and their VGCC tuition and fees are paid by the employer. Including salary, benefits and college tuition, the value of the program to the student is about \$150,000 over four years.

VGCC and Dill Air Controls Products are currently spreading the word to students in Vance and Granville counties about this opportunity.

Dill Air Controls Products is a leading manufacturer and distributor of tire and tank valves, tire pressure gauges, tire pressure monitoring



Left, Novozymes is among presenters at Advanced Manufacturing Day; above, Dill Air Controls Products representatives are shown with staff from VGCC and from local school systems.

‘This new partnership with NCTAP will support student success while building upon Vance-Granville’s tradition of collaborating with local employers and our local school systems to lead the economic development of our region.’

— DR. STELFANIE WILLIAMS
VGCC President

sensors and service tools for the aerospace, automotive and commercial products industries.

Meanwhile, at Advanced Manufacturing Day attendees learned about how manufacturing has changed, local career possibilities in the field and options for education and training. The event was one of many Manufacturing Day celebrations held across the country that day.

Coordinating both the apprenticeship initiative and Advanced Manufacturing Day was VGCC’s Trade Adjustment Community College and Career Training (TAACCT) grant program.

With the help of the \$1.75 million grant, the largest single competitive grant in VGCC history, the college is developing and enhancing innovative training programs for advanced manufacturing careers.

Vance-Granville’s technical programs in curriculum were

represented as well as NCTAP. These include curriculum programs that make up the college’s Advanced Manufacturing Skills Center — Electrical Systems Technology, Electronics Engineering Technology, Mechatronics Engineering Technology and Welding Technology — as well as the Customized Training/Industry Services, Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology, Automotive Systems Technology, Carpentry and Bioprocess Technology programs.

Finally, at the Business Technologies Fair, students and visitors received information and saw demonstrations from Vance-Granville curriculum

At right, ATOS of Boydton, Va., has representatives at VGCC’s Business Technologies Fair.

programs that provide training for careers in fields related to business and information technology.

The programs included Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Technology Integration, Entrepreneurship, Global Logistics & Distribution Management, Medical Office Administration, Office Administration, Paralegal Technology and Simulation & Game Development.





EMBRACING *Fine Arts*

Creativity, talent shine at VGCC

The creativity and talent of Vance-Granville Community College's students were on display through 2015-2016 but especially so at the college's first-ever "Fine Arts Day" in October 2015.

The year also featured the student production of a comedy in the fall, followed by a murder mystery for the fourth annual Dinner Theater.

For the inaugural "Fine Arts Day," Raleigh-based professional visual artist Eric McRay was the special guest and keynote presenter. McRay served as judge for the college's first-ever juried exhibition of art by students from curriculum and continuing education art classes.

Students in the VGCC Music Scholars program gave their first public performance as a group. Drama students gave audiences a preview of VGCC Drama's fall production, followed by an improvisation workshop. Elsewhere on

campus, art instructor Isaac Talley and McRay supervised the creation of a large "VGCC" mural that commemorated the event. Numerous attendees helped add their own unique touches to the mural.

Special guests at Fine Arts Day included Granville Little Theatre, which presented a production of the comedy, "I Hate Shakespeare," and the show choir from Northern Vance High School. Members in the show choir also became students in a master class in ballet dance by Henderson-based Ballet Arts.

"I am very proud of all of the students who participated in our first Fine Arts Day and showcased their talents as we celebrated the power of the arts to enlighten, transform and educate," said Betsy Henderson, VGCC's Department Chair/Instructor of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Theatre lovers were able to enjoy all 37 of William Shakespeare's plays in one evening — sort of — when



Top left, students create a mural for the first-ever Fine Arts Day at VGCC; above, Teenworks presents "Guys & Dolls, Jr."; left, the Fourth Annual Dinner Theatre production of "Deathtrap"; above, Drama students' fall staging of "The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shksp (Abridged)"; below, VGCC Music Scholars give first public performance as a group.

VGCC's Drama students presented "The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shksp (Abridged)" on VGCC's Main Campus in early November 2015. The play features three overachieving actors attempting to perform the entire Shakespearean canon in 97 minutes. Fast-paced, witty and physical, it is an evening of laughter for Shakespeare lovers and haters alike. The three actors play all of Shakespeare's characters with help from numerous funny costume changes and props.

Meanwhile, suspense, thrills and laughter were on the menu for a spring production of the successful Broadway show, "Deathtrap," for its fourth annual Dinner Theater. VGCC's Culinary Arts and Drama departments teamed up once again to present a delicious meal followed by an entertaining play. The event was held on the evenings of April 28-29, 2016, in the Civic Center on VGCC's Main Campus. There was also an encore matinee performance of the play, without dinner, on April 30.

Written by the late playwright and novelist Ira Levin, "Deathtrap" enjoyed a successful original Broadway run from 1978 through 1982 and was then adapted into a feature film. Skillfully blending thrills and laughter, the plot concerns the devious machinations of Sidney Bruhl, a writer of thrillers whose recent offerings have been flops, and who is prepared to go to any lengths to improve his fortunes.

For the first time, the dinner theater incorporated two casts in order to provide more opportunities for students to

participate. Henderson was the director of both productions.

VGCC Culinary students were led by Chef Teresa Davis, Chef Rebecca Smith and Chef Riki Strum. They were joined by culinary students and faculty from Franklinton High School, Southern Vance High School and J.F. Webb High School.

The set for "Deathtrap" was constructed by VGCC students under the guidance of the Carpentry Program Head/Instructor Keith Tunstall.

In addition to the opportunities for adult students at VGCC, the college again hosted the Teenworks Drama Camp, targeting rising seventh graders through high school seniors, during June 2016. Held each summer on the Main Campus, participants rehearse and present a "junior" version of a musical.

This day-camp opportunity provides instruction and creative experiences in acting, singing, dancing and all the technical aspects of putting on a play, including costume design, set construction and lighting.

Among other fine arts opportunities, the Vance-Granville Community Band was busy with concerts on campus and community events, including a holiday concert in December and a spring event.

The Community Band, which is sponsored by the VGCC Division of Arts and Sciences, welcomes people of all ages, from all walks of life, and from throughout the region to join in making music.



OUR *Students* 2015-2016

10,775

TOTAL STUDENTS
Unduplicated Headcount*



Vance-Granville Community College enriches the lives of students and increases their lifetime incomes. For every dollar students invest in their education at VGCC, they receive a cumulative \$7.70 in higher future income over the course of their working careers. Compared to someone with a high school diploma, graduates with two-year degrees from the college earn \$9,100 more per year, on average, over the course of a working lifetime. VGCC students enjoy a 24.5% rate of return on their investments of time and money. On average, students recoup all of what they initially spent on their education in 6.3 years.

Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., 2013



CONTINUING EDUCATION/LITERACY

7,101

Students

65%
Male

35%
Female

37

Average Age

5,777

Students in Occupational & Industry Training, Small Business Center, Personal Enrichment

1,324

Students in Adult Basic Skills, English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency

CURRICULUM PROGRAMS

4,178

Students

34%
Male

66%
Female

26

Average Age

13

Students Per Class

13:1

Student/Faculty Ratio

GRADUATES CURRICULUM

378

Associate Degrees

88

Diplomas

97

Certificates

GRADUATES LITERACY

182

High School Equivalency

86

Adult High School Diplomas

CUSTOMIZED INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

25

Companies /Industries Served

915

Trainees

SMALL BUSINESS CENTER SERVICES

65

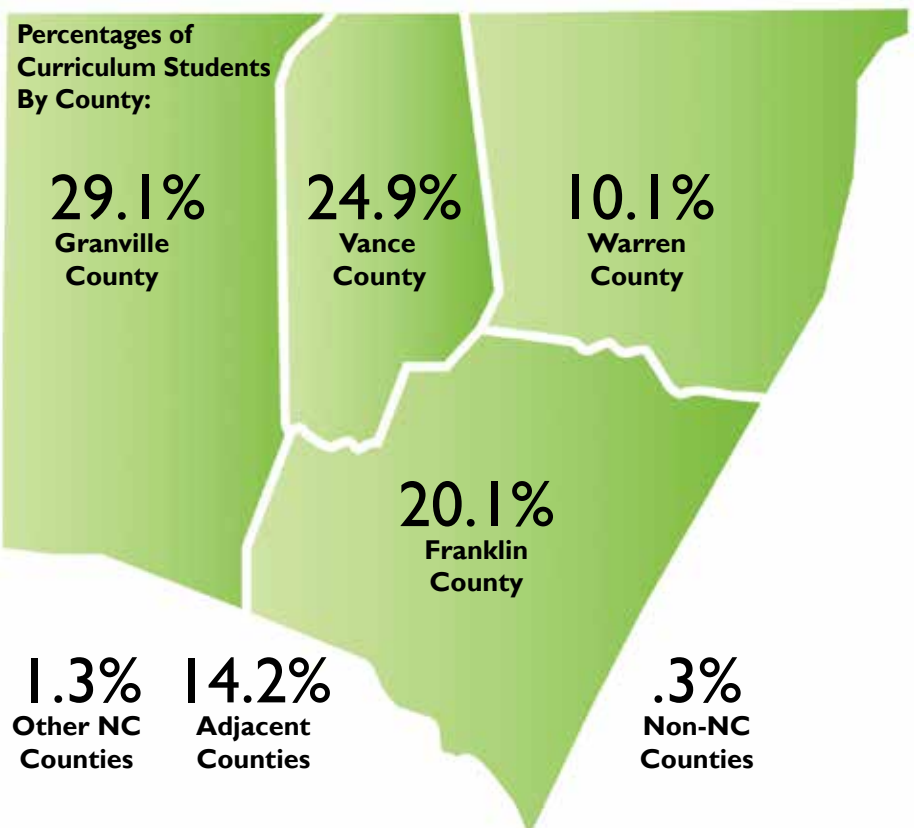
Seminars

847

Attendees

110

Clients

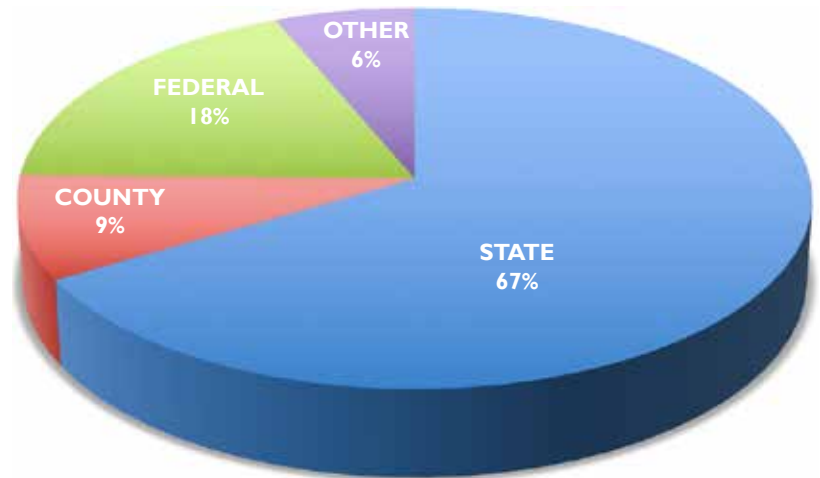


* Unduplicated is not the sum of the two totals because some students took both Curriculum courses and Continuing Education/Literacy courses.

OUR *Resources* 2015-2016

FUNDING

STATE	\$21,233,354
COUNTY	\$2,823,864
FEDERAL	\$5,864,841
OTHER	\$2,014,222
TOTAL FUNDING	\$31,936,281



TUITION

Tuition: Spring 2016*	In-State	Out-of-State
Per Credit Hour (full-time)	\$76.00	\$268.00
Per Semester (full-time, 16 hours or more)	\$1,216.00	\$4,288.00

*Tuition is set by the North Carolina General Assembly and is subject to change.
Fall 2015 tuition was \$72 per credit hour for In-State and \$264 for Out-of-State.

FINANCIAL AID For Students**

	Number of Recipients	Dollars Awarded
Pell Grants	1,612	\$4,940,630
VGCC Scholarships	289	\$188,200
N.C. Community College Grants	300	\$153,956
N.C. Education Lottery Scholarships	164	\$144,300
Institutional Grants	217	\$97,730
Federal Work-Study Program	49	\$109,453
Veterans Educational Benefits	66	\$183,331
Other Financial Aid	1,600	\$1,490,601
TOTAL (Unduplicated)	3,083	\$7,308,201

** These numbers are subject to final review by the state.

OUR STAFF

Full-Time Instructors	155
Full-Time Staff	169
Part-Time Instructors	313
Part-Time Staff	121





CONNECTING

Ann Rose Allen, left, and VGCC student Erica Medlin are pictured in front of the Guild Gift Gallery at Maria Parham Medical Center.

Scholarship brings student, donor honoree together

The Endowment Fund at Vance-Granville makes an ongoing effort to connect the students who receive endowed scholarships with the donors who made those scholarships possible and with the people in whose honor they were established. This often takes place at the annual scholarship awards ceremony. The namesake of one scholarship, Ann Rose Allen of Henderson, could not attend a recent ceremony, but still made the connection with the student recipient, and a friendship was born.

Erica C. Medlin of Oxford, a student in the Associate Degree Nursing program at VGCC, became the first recipient of the new “Ann Rose Allen/Guild Gift Gallery at Maria Parham Presidential Scholar Award” in 2015. As all students receiving scholarships are encouraged to do, Medlin sent a thank-you note to Allen, who was touched by the gesture and called the student. They arranged to meet up for lunch one day.

“When I met her, I was so impressed that she was working on a degree and raising three young children at the same time,” Allen said. “We talked for hours, mostly about our families. She’s as sweet as can be.” Allen has kept in touch with Medlin since then and hopes to continue doing so.

“I told Erica that if I were ever sick, she would be my first choice for a nurse, because she’s so calm and listens so well,” Allen said. “The college did a wonderful job selecting her for this scholarship.”

Medlin enrolled at VGCC after already earning a bachelor’s degree in Health Services Management from East Carolina University. She had worked for a short time as a quality assurance coordinator at a local medical facility. Medlin recalled that in that job, she focused on illnesses and disabilities and how to use management skills to statistically improve outcomes in her previous positions. When she became the patient with a serious illness herself, however, her view of health care forever changed. “I became focused on the patient — the person — and that is why I returned to college to become a registered nurse,” Medlin said. She completed VGCC’s Nurse Aide I program as a first step, receiving a State Employees’ Credit Union Continuing Education Scholarship. Medlin graduated with her associate degree in May 2016.

“I enjoyed meeting and having lunch with Mrs. Allen,”

“(Mrs. Allen) is a wonderful woman with many life lessons that she has so graciously shared with me. I would not be able to accomplish my educational goals without the support of the Endowment Fund and the generous donors. I am truly grateful!”

— ERICA MEDLIN
scholarship recipient

Medlin said. “She is a wonderful woman with many life lessons that she has so graciously shared with me. I would not be able to accomplish my educational goals without the support of the Endowment Fund and the generous donors. I am truly grateful!”

The endowed VGCC scholarship that Medlin received — the seventh established by the Guild Gift Gallery at MPMC at the time — was named in Allen’s honor to recognize her service as the original coordinator of the hospital gift shop. The group started its ninth scholarship in November 2015.

The volunteer-operated Guild Gift Gallery offers convenience items and gifts as a service to both patients and visitors at the hospital. Profits from sales are used to provide scholarships to people entering the health care professions. Allen organized and coordinated the original hospital gift shop in its former location.

Gifts such as those from the Guild Gift Gallery have allowed the Fund to award more than 8,500 scholarships to students since 1982. Scholarships have been established by individuals, businesses, civic groups, churches and the college’s faculty and staff to assist deserving VGCC students. Tax-deductible donations to the Endowment Fund have often been used to honor or remember a person, group, business or industry with a lasting gift to education.



Grant success continues for third year

Vance-Granville marked a third straight year of significant grant funding in 2015-2016 including an award of nearly \$1 million as part of a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

In addition to the TechHire grant, VGCC received grants for advanced manufacturing training, agricultural cooperative initiatives and a “bridge” program to help incoming college freshmen.

In early 2016, voters approved a statewide bond referendum that designates \$7.6 million for VGCC to fund renovations, repairs and construction.

TechHire

The TechHire grant totals \$4 million to be used for workforce development initiatives that meet the unique needs of the areas served. The funds for the North Carolina TechHire Program are being split among VGCC, Alamance Community College, Halifax Community College and James Sprunt Community College. JSCC is serving as the lead institution in the consortium of colleges, called the North Carolina TechHire Alliance. The four colleges plan to train 400 people over a four-year period through the grant.

“We are excited to collaborate with our sister colleges and our local partners to provide training that will support our advanced manufacturing and information technology sectors,” said Dr. Stelfanie Williams, the president of VGCC. She said that the college identified particular “skills gaps” with area businesses in those fields.

“Vance-Granville has a proven track record of success in building a strong workforce in both of these growing areas,” President Williams added.

VGCC will use the TechHire funding to recruit, assess, train, provide

certifications to, and place 25 North Carolina TechHire Program participants into jobs each year over the next four years. Eligible students will receive support in forms that may include tuition assistance, transportation and mentoring.

“We look forward to using this grant to invest in our students, helping them prepare for highly-skilled jobs while helping employers in our communities compete and thrive in the global economy,” Dr. Williams said.

Four employers are partnering with the college on the new TechHire program and wrote letters of support for the grant application: Dill Air Controls Products of Oxford, Stay Online of Creedmoor, ATOS North America of Boydton, Va., and Bridgestone Bandag of Oxford. Dill also became the first company to join VGCC in the North Carolina Triangle Apprenticeship Program (NCTAP).

Connect NC Bond

In the first statewide bond referendum since 2000, voters approved the Connect NC Bond in primary election voting in March 2016.

The \$2 billion bond allocated \$7.6 million for VGCC, the eighth largest amount among the state’s community colleges.

The bond package “will pay for ongoing, necessary improvements for VGCC and provide a substantial savings to the people of Vance, Granville, Franklin and Warren counties,” a resolution adopted by the VGCC Board of Trustees stated.

CTE Career Pathways

In partnership with Franklin County Schools, VGCC received \$70,000 in NCWorks CTE Career Pathways grants to support advanced manufacturing-related training that connects high

schools, the college and industry partners. Grants were awarded to 20 colleges, including VGCC, by the State Board of Community Colleges. This competitive grant was made possible by federal funds under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

The grant funding supports a “Manufacturing Careers Pathways Project,” which provides VGCC and high school Career & Technical Education (CTE) students with hands-on training in technical skills that have been identified as essential to local industries. This project began with high schools in Franklin County and VGCC was planning to expand the initiative to Vance and Granville counties.

Agricultural Initiatives

VGCC was awarded two separate \$25,000 grants for a project entitled “Cultivating and Connecting Agricultural Communities” that seeks to strengthen agricultural cooperative partnerships in Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties.

One grant was awarded through the Rural Community College Agricultural Cooperative Initiative, with funding provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The other was from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission.

Summer Bridge

AT&T North Carolina made a \$10,000 contribution to VGCC to support Summer Bridge, a new student success initiative for incoming first-year students. Summer Bridge was a comprehensive, two-week program designed to provide targeted support, supplemental instruction and skill-building to help students accelerate their pathway from developmental education to regular curriculum courses.

GIVING

Golf tournament sets record

Vance-Granville Community College's 32nd annual Endowment Fund Golf Tournament, presented by Oxford-based Union Bank, hit a new record total by raising \$104,160 to help fund scholarships for deserving students and support the mission of the college.

That result surpassed the \$100,318 generated in 2015, in what was previously the highest-grossing golf tournament in VGCC history.

A total of 168 golfers formed 42 teams to play in either the morning or the afternoon round on May 23, 2016, at Henderson Country Club.

"We are so appreciative of all the golfers and sponsors who demonstrated their generous support for education and made this our most successful tournament ever," said VGCC President Dr. Stelfanie Williams.

"We especially want to thank Union Bank for continuing to partner with VGCC as our presenting sponsor," added Dr. Williams. In 2015, the bank became the first-ever presenting sponsor for the tournament.

"Since 1985, VGCC golf tournaments have now raised more than \$750,000, making a significant difference in the lives of our students," she said.



VGCC faculty and staff were among the generous donors to the Endowment Fund in 2015-2016. VGCC President Dr. Stelfanie Williams, left, and Trustee L. Opie Frazier, Jr., accept a symbolic check for \$26,068 from leaders of the VGCC Endowment Fund Faculty and Staff Drive at the November 2015 board meeting. The drive co-chairs were, starting third from left, School-Age Education program head/instructor Jacquelin Heath, Director of Student Success Amy O'Geary, and Computer Education instructor Steven Sievert.

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A new scholarship at Vance-Granville honors the memory of longtime Vance County business and community leader Sam Watkins Jr. His son, Trey Watkins of Wake Forest, shown at right, formally established the "Sam Watkins Jr. Academic Achievement Scholarship" on behalf of himself and his wife, Sarah. Sam Watkins, who died in 2014 at the age of 80, was the president of Rose Oil Company, a member and chairman of the Henderson-Vance Economic Development Commission, and a member of the Maria Parham Medical Center Board of Trustees. The elder Watkins was also a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and, in 1985, he was Vance County's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.



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Jules and Harriet Banzet
The Barnabus Fund
James R. Barnes/Vance County Unit
N.C. Retired School Personnel
Marvin H. Baugh/Warrenton
Rotary Club
BB&T
W.B. Beasley Memorial
George B. Blum Memorial/
Middleburg Ruritan Club
Dr. Joseph Alston Boyd, Jr.
Amanda A. "Mandy" Braswell
Memorial
Pauline Neisler Brewer
John Brigham Memorial
Annie R. Bullock Memorial/City of
Henderson
George E. and Estelle H. Bullock
Memorial
Bernard O. Burgess Memorial
Radiography
Nathan Burwell
Capital Bank
Carolina Sunrock
Minnie Moseley Cawley Memorial
CertainTeed Corporation
Cecil L. Chacon, Jr., Memorial
Church of the Holy Innocents
John T. Church
John T. Church, Sr./Roses Stores
Martha M. Clark
Brandon S. Coker Memorial
Lucille Couch
Lenwood A. Crabtree/Duke Energy
Dorothy M. Currin Memorial
Sophia H. Currin Memorial
T.J. "Pooky" Currin Memorial
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Delbridge
Durham Coca-Cola Bottling
Company/Classic Food Services
Eastern Carolina Rabbit Breeders
Association
Jerry Ellington Memorial
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Stanley H. Fox
Franklin Regional Volunteers
Auxiliary
Julius M. Frazier Memorial
Friends of Hospice
Matthew Frink
Gate Precast Company
Hubert L. Gooch, Sr.
Hubert Lee Gooch, Jr., Memorial
John K. Nelms/Granville Industrial
Club
Talmadge Hamm Memorial
John Pearson Harris, Sr. and Jr.,
Memorial
Mattie B. Harris
Ethel Jane Rideout Harrison
Memorial



Volunteers from the Guild Gift Gallery at Maria Parham Medical Center presented a gift of \$25,000 to the Endowment Fund to create a scholarship in memory of a Henderson physician, Dr. J. Franklin Mills, who passed away unexpectedly in July 2015. The "J. Franklin Mills, MD / Guild Gift Gallery at Maria Parham Presidential Scholar Award" will assist deserving students in programs such as Nursing, Radiography, Medical Assisting and Pharmacy Technology. Dr. Mills served for 30 years as a family practitioner at Henderson Family Medicine, later called Duke Primary Care. Representatives of his family, the Guild and VGCC are shown: seated, from left, are Kathy Mills Williams, Janet Mills and Jane Mills Hicks, all of Henderson; standing, Guild Gift Gallery volunteers Gean Bobbitt, Roxanne Fleming, Lou Reavis, Sylvia Edwards and Guild president Anne Bunch, all of Henderson, VGCC Endowment Specialist Kay Currin and Endowment Director Eddie Ferguson.

A total of 339 scholarships were awarded to students at Vance-Granville Community College during the 2015-2016 academic year through the generosity of donors to the college.

Robert Burnham Harrison, Sr., Memorial
 Robert B. Harrison/Henderson Kiwanis Club
 Robert J. Turner/Henderson Kiwanis Club
 Thelma "Bug" Dempsey/Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club
 Carrie Draper/Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club
 Fitzhugh A. Kesler/Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club
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 Oxford Lions Club
 Thurston S. "Judge" & Vivian L. Parham
 Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Parker
 William D. Payne
 W.D. Payne/Henderson High School Class of 1938

W. Christopher "Chris" Johnson's life was devoted to service and helping others, and a new scholarship in his name at Vance-Granville Community College continues to help local students for years to come. A Granville County native and J.F. Webb High School graduate, Johnson was a 22-year-old private first class in the U.S. Army infantry serving in Iraq in 2007 when he was killed by an improvised explosive device. His parents, Billy and Rhonda Johnson, shown above, established a Presidential Merit Award as a lasting memorial to their only son.



W.D. Payne/Henderson High School Class of 1939
 W.D. Payne/Vance County Unit NC Retired School Personnel
 Scott Parker Peace Memorial and Adna B. Pierce Memorial
 Henry S. Peoples/Chapter #67, Disabled American Veterans
 Elsie Gray and Julian Pernell
 PNC Bank
 Myrtle Jane Pruitt Memorial
 PSNC Energy
 Rain Park
 Samir Harith "Reef" Abdul Rasheed Memorial
 Buggana Subba Reddy Memorial
 Putlur S. Devi Reddy Memorial
 Putlur Jayarama Reddy Memorial
 Steven Allen and Thomas "Tomme" Wayne Reese Memorial
 Rowan-Walters Nursing
 Robin Rowland Memorial
 Rotary Club of Oxford/In Honor of Thomas B. Currin
 Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP
 Walter J. Rublein Memorial
 Clemens Oscar Seifert/Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Henderson
 Herve and Jackie Sergent/STEM Science Camp
 Mary Helen Harris Shields Memorial
 Hettie Currin Skipper Memorial Nursing
 South Granville Rotary Club
 SunTrust Bank
 Thomas G. & Mildred K. Taylor Memorial
 Ben and Cornelia Terry
 Rachel P. Thomas

Bessie Nelson Trado Memorial/First United Methodist Church
 Triangle Home Health Care, Inc.
 Triangle North Healthcare Foundation
 Grady W. Tunstall
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 Vance Construction Company
 Vance County Farm Bureau
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 Warrenton Rotary Club
 S.M. Watkins, Sr. Memorial
 Morris and Jean West Memorial

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 Vance-Granville Community College Faculty & Staff
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 Kathryn B. Watson
 Keith and Stefanie Williams Family

Lifetime Circle

The following donors have contributed \$500,000 or more to the VGCC Endowment Fund and Vance-Granville Community College:

Estate of Lelia C. Brigham
Estate of Robert & Anna Butler
Estate of Nannie Crowder
Estate of Wilbert A. Edwards

Legacy Donors

The following donors have contributed \$100,000 or more to the VGCC Endowment Fund:

Glen Raven, Inc.
GSK
Guild Gift Gallery at Maria Parham
Leggett Family
VGCC Faculty & Staff

New Scholarships

These new scholarships were endowed during the 2015-2016 academic year and were named in honor/memory of:

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR (\$25,000)

Gilbert and Frances Capps
Jerome and Dora Faulkner Memorial
J. Franklin Mills/Guild Gift Gallery at Maria Parham

PRESIDENTIAL MERIT (\$15,000)

Christopher Johnson
Dale Ramsey Music
Robert J. Walker Memorial

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (\$10,000)

Franklin Regional Volunteers Auxiliary
W.T. Yancey Memorial

VANGUARD VISION

THE COLLEGE'S
STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR 2014-2019

Since January 2014 and continuing through 2019, Vance-Granville Community College is “Living the Vision.”

The Vision is a strategic plan developed with input from Vance-Granville’s students, employees and the broader community served by the college.

Shortly after taking the reins as VGCC’s president in 2012, Dr. Stelfanie Williams pulled together a team of college faculty and staff to develop the framework for a strategic plan to carry the college through its 50th anniversary in 2019.

The results were the Mission Statement and Vision Statement that guide the college in its focus and activities as well as nine core Values and 20 specific Goals built around five overarching areas of focus.

The college’s Board of Trustees officially adopted the Vanguard Vision on June 15, 2013, and implementation of the strategic plan began in January 2014.

OUR MISSION

Vance-Granville
Community College
educates, inspires, and supports
a diverse community of learners
to achieve professional
and personal success.

OUR VISION

In partnership
with our community,
Vance-Granville
Community College will lead
the economic development
of our region,
be nationally-recognized
for educational excellence, and
improve our world
through stewardship
and sustainability.

OUR VALUES

EXCELLENCE

We value working to our full potential and demonstrating quality at all levels by meeting or exceeding our goals and establishing high expectations for achievement by everyone through continuous improvement.

TEACHING

We value rigorous, quality instruction that maximizes student success through focused and purposeful student support and activities.

COMMUNICATION

We value decision making through broad-based, respectful team work and effective dialogue.

RESPECT

We value professional working relationships and exceptional service for our faculty, staff, students, and community.

ACCESS

We value keeping our services accessible to our communities through a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

DIVERSITY

We value the unique attributes and contributions of the members who enrich our college and its community.

INNOVATION

We value innovation and creativity through our leadership in learning, technology, and community partnerships.

COMMUNITY

We value positive and supportive relationships among the faculty, staff, students, and community of our service area.

SUSTAINABILITY

We value prudent stewardship of our resources and implementation of best practices in policies and operations that are ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable.

OUR GOALS

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FROM ACCESS TO SUCCESS

1

- 1.1 Increase student achievement through student-centered teaching.
- 1.2 Increase student completion through effective academic advising.
- 1.3 Facilitate college growth.
- 1.4 Cultivate a college-wide culture of support for a diverse community of learners.
- 1.5 Provide resources and experiences to empower students and prepare them for work or higher education.

AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE OF QUALITY, COOPERATION & ENGAGEMENT

2

- 2.1 Recruit and hire exceptional employees.
- 2.2 Retain qualified employees.
- 2.3 Foster participation in meaningful professional development opportunities.
- 2.4 Enhance open communication.
- 2.5 Develop a campus community valuing health, safety, and quality of life opportunities.

A LEARNING COMMUNITY OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

3

- 3.1 Develop a culture that prioritizes individualized service to students.
- 3.2 Develop a culture of continuous quality improvement and best practices.
- 3.3 Institute leadership development that supports and empowers all employees.

ONE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

4

- 4.1 Enhance support services.
- 4.2 Foster student and employee engagement in college life.
- 4.3 Partner with community organizations to support the college mission.
- 4.4 Improve, maintain, and utilize adequate technology.

INSTITUTIONAL STEWARDSHIP: SECURING AND SUSTAINING OUR RESOURCES

5

- 5.1 Secure new and innovative resources to support institutional goals.
- 5.2 Implement risk assessment and management at the college.
- 5.3 Advance environmentally-friendly practices at the college.

“Change, growth and improvement are essential as we realize this new Vanguard Vision. In charting this course for the next five years, we will continue to engage our college community and our broader four-county service area as we shape a brighter and more dynamic future for our beloved community college.”

— DR. STELFANIE WILLIAMS, VGCC PRESIDENT



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