

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



2017 - 2018

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rockingham Community College has a rich history of serving students and business and industry in Rockingham County and the surrounding region since 1966, when the college opened its doors. Without the support of our community, the college certainly would not have the rich history that it has had.

The relationships and partnerships that have been created over the years have significantly impacted the college's success. Rockingham Community College is the community's college. We exist to serve our county and this region of the state. We are certainly accountable to the community, and we are charged with providing a quality education to our students and offering training to our business and industry partners. It is a responsibility that we do not take lightly. In fact, it is one that we embrace. We believe very strongly in our college and its mission.

This Report to the Community highlights the accomplishments of our college for 2017-18. We have changed the design of our report, and we hope that you find it informative and appealing.

This past year included many exciting developments in the life of our college. It was highlighted by Rockingham County voters approving a quarter-cent sales tax referendum on May 8, 2018. This would not have been possible without the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners placing this issue on the ballot. The sales tax increase will go into effect on October 1, 2018, and the college will use these new revenues to greatly enhance its ability to address workforce issues in the county. The largest portion of the sales tax revenue will go towards building a new Center for Workforce Development that will house advanced manufacturing programs, customized training, and our Small Business Center. The college owes a lot of gratitude to the "Citizens for the One- Fourth Cent Sales Tax to Benefit RCC Committee," a private, non-partisan group that worked tirelessly to promote the passage of the sales tax. The beauty of the sales tax for RCC is that it will provide needed revenue for many years to come, enabling the college to address facility renovations for housing needed programs of study, investing in technology upgrades, and to be ready to respond to the training needs of our business and industry partners.

During the year, the college continued to spend some of its NC Connect Bond funds to complete the renovation of the James Library and to begin work on renovating the first floor of the Humanities Building.

In addition, the college is getting close to completing the renovation of the Whitcomb Student Center, a project funded by NC Connect Bond funds and support from the college's Foundation. These renovations are designed to improve the teaching and learning environment for our students, the research support provided by the James Library, and to provide a student center that can serve the needs of our students. We are particularly excited about the renovation to our student center. It promises to be much more contemporary, a place we envision to be a hangout for students, and a place where we can better serve student needs.

The college signed a dual admission agreement with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, called "Spartan Passage." This agreement allows students to enroll at RCC as full-time students and also have access to services provided on campus by the University.



In the spring, the college and the Rockingham County Schools, in partnership with six county industries, launched RockATOP, an apprenticeship program whereby high school students take high school and college courses and work for one of the six industries. The goal is to build upon this initial cohort of 17 apprentices with an additional cohort each year.

In May, RCC conferred degrees to 177 graduates who obtained 196 credentials. The college also awarded high school equivalency and/or adult high school degrees to 98 graduates.

The college was able to expand its TRAILS (Trail Recreation and Adventure Institute for Leadership and Service) program through a generous gift of approximately 100 acres of land owned by Duke Energy. The land was donated to Rockingham County. RCC will develop the land, in partnership with the county, and establish a park. The park will be named Belews Park and will be located in the western part of Rockingham County. The college will build trails on the land and will work with the county to apply for grants to further develop the property.

Finally, for the first time in the history of the college, RCC's Eagles Baseball Team qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) College World Series in Greenville, Tennessee. The team finished 4th in the nation.

We will continue to partner with the public schools, non-public schools, business and industry, mayors and other city leaders, the county commissioners, the county management team, county and city economic development officials, and many more to make sure our college is serving the citizens of Rockingham County and the surrounding region. Most importantly, this report highlights the accomplishments of our students. Helping students achieve success is our most important initiative.

RCC is fortunate to have a dedicated faculty and staff, a supportive Board of Trustees, and community members who work hard to support the college through the work of the RCC Foundation. We will continue to serve our students and our community. Our work impacts people's lives through education, and we look forward to the challenges ahead and the success of those we serve.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark O. Kinlaw". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Mark O. Kinlaw, Ed.D.
President

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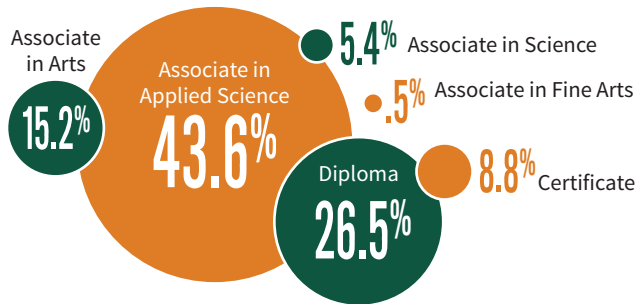


Mr. C. Grayson Whitt
Eden

RCC QUICK FACTS

CURRICULUM ENROLLMENT FALL 2017 **1,954**

PERCENT OF ENROLLMENT BY DIVISION

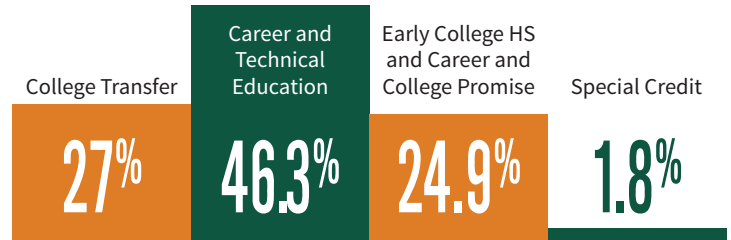


AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS **23.1**

FULL-TIME **38.5%** PART-TIME **61.5%**

FEMALE **62.1%** MALE **37.9%**

PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES



FINANCIAL AID AWARDED 2016-2017

Federal Pell Grant	\$3,562,022.80
Federal SEOG (Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant)	\$35,068
Federal Work Study	\$38,220
Institutional Work Study	\$7,845.23
Foundation Work Study	\$18,000
North Carolina Community College Grant	\$220,791
North Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship Grant	\$133,031
North Carolina Child Care Grant	\$25,511
North Carolina Golden Leaf Scholarship	\$11,589
North Carolina Target Assist Scholarship	\$4580
RCC GED Graduate Scholarship	\$4000
RCC College Owned Scholarships	\$593
RCC Foundation Scholarships (Endowed and General)	\$289,849
SECU Scholarship	\$400
Say Yes Scholarship	\$6536
Total Outside Scholarships	\$44,283.20

2017 ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMANCE MEASURE SUMMARY

	Basic Skills Progress	Credit English Success	Credit Math Success	First Year Progression	Curriculum Completion Rate	Licensure Passing Rate	Transfer Performance
System Excellence Level	68.3%	55.9%	32.5%	75.0%	51.9%	90.9%	87.6%
System Baseline	34.5%	23.8%	10.1%	54.1%	35.9%	69.9%	65.1%
Average College Percentage	59.1%	50.9%	29.0%	70.5%	43.7%	82.0%	82.5%
Rockingham Community College	76.2%	53.1%	29.1%	66.5%	40.9%	79.2%	85.4%

Rockingham Community College exceeded the System Excellence Level in Basic Skills Progress for the 2017 Performance Measures. The college exceeded the System Baseline for all other measures and surpassed the Average College Percentage for Credit English Success, Credit Math Success and Transfer Performance.

Rockingham Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about accreditation of Rockingham Community College.

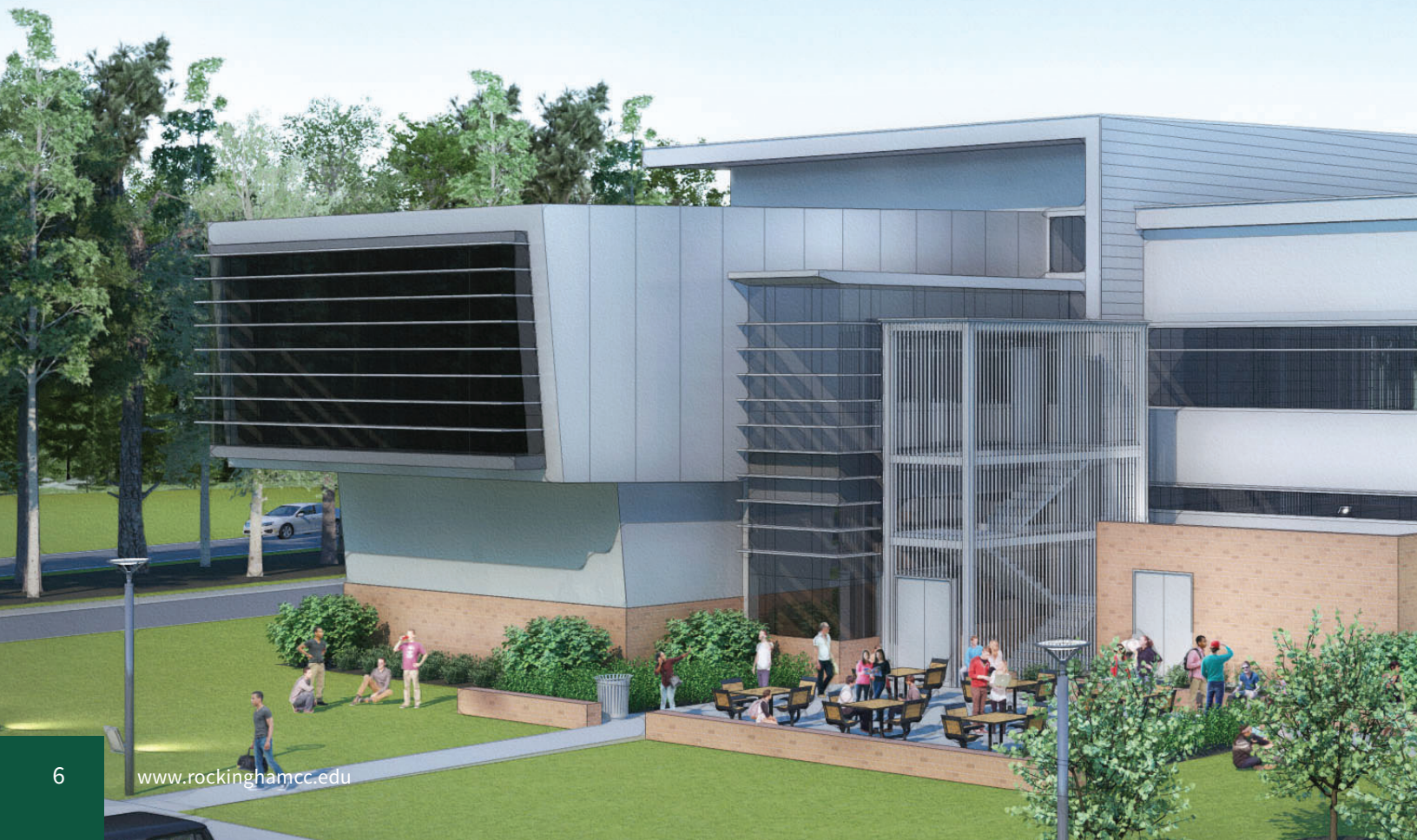
INVESTING IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

On May 8, the citizens of Rockingham County passed a quarter cent sales tax that will be used to benefit Rockingham Community College. The primary investment of the revenue from the tax will be directed toward building a new Center for Workforce Development. Currently, the college is in the process of selecting an architect for the new building project, as well as determining the best use of these funds during the next three to five years. Renovating facilities, purchasing equipment, and upgrading technology are a few of the ways in which this funding will transform the college and build the workforce that the county needs. The public can stay informed on projects and their progress using the college website.

“Serving as co-chair of the sales tax committee was very rewarding, because the passage of this tax will provide the revenue needed for RCC to build a new Center for Workforce Development. In this facility, our high school graduates who choose not to attend a four-year school as well as adult learners, will have access to educational programs that will prepare them to work in manufacturing and in vocational trades. Our students and community will benefit from the jobs created by entrepreneurship and by providing the educational environment needed to achieve the American dream while becoming productive citizens.”

Don Powell

Chairman of the Rockingham County Republican Party



“RCC’s plan to build a new Center for Workforce Development will help us attract and retain businesses. The citizen-approved, quarter-cent sales tax will provide RCC with the necessary capital to compete not just now, but in the future.”

*Kevin Berger
Rockingham County Board of Commissioners*

“Workforce skills and talent attraction are the top priorities in business recruitment today. We have to have a well-trained workforce in order to attract more job creation in Rockingham County and this sales tax will help pay for the programs/facilities to give our workers the necessary skills to compete for jobs.”

*Jan Critz Yokeley
Director of Rockingham County Center for
Economic Development, Small Business, & Tourism*

“Workforce education is critical for Rockingham County to supply workers for existing industry and to attract new business and industry. The sales tax revenue will fund the necessary workforce development center to prepare our students for today’s and tomorrow’s job opportunities.”

*Mike Dougherty
City of Eden Director of Economic Development*

“I’m glad the quarter-cent sales tax proposal passed so our citizens will have the opportunity to advance their skills through vocational job training and, as a result, improve their quality of life and increase their income.”

*Keith Duncan
Former Rockingham County Commissioner*

“We are thankful for the effort of the committee to get the word out to the voters and also to the voters for having the vision to pass the sales tax referendum. This additional revenue is going to be a huge benefit to the community college, its training programs and, ultimately, the citizens and businesses of Rockingham County.”

*Jeff Garstka
City of Reidsville Director of Economic Development*

Rendering of The Center for Workforce Development





ROCKATOP APPRENTICES PREPARE FOR THE WORKFORCE

OCT. 2017

Company representatives and RCC staff visited high schools in the county. Presented RockATOP opportunity to approximately 1600 high school juniors and seniors.

174 Students expressed strong interest in the program.

NOV. 2017

Students were notified of their eligibility for RockATOP and were invited to industry open houses.

JAN. 2018

36 Students submitted applications to the RockATOP Program.

FEB. 2018

28 Students were invited to participate in a four-evening Invitational at RCC. Invitational consisted of learning safety and equipment use, use of equipment for project completion, company interviews, and group projects.

OCT.

Many RockATOP hopefuls attended Manufacturing Week tours of the RCC campus.

NOV.-DEC.

Open houses were held at six industries. Students and parents attended open houses, toured industries and met industry management personnel. This helped students and families determine if the careers offered were a good fit for their career interest.



Lance Metzler, Rockingham County Manager, signs RockATOP partnership agreement. Dr. Kenneth Scott, Rockingham County Schools Director of Classified Personnel/CTE, Dr. Mark Kinlaw, RCC President, and Mark Richardson, Rockingham County Commissioner are shown left to right.



Andrea Zarate, Christian Richardson, Levi Simons, Ben Shive, Nick Johnson, Jordan Dawson, Jacob Reynolds, Gabe Johnson, Daniel Pinnix, Omar Rodriguez, Cody Mabry, Hunter Martin, Jared Ellis, AJ Belcher, Franco Neal. Not pictured: Erik Rivera, Logan Vincent.

Rockingham Community College, along with support from Rockingham County Government, Rockingham County Schools, and RockATOP (Rockingham Apprenticeship and Technical Opportunities Partnership), welcomed more than seventy citizens, educators, government officials and students to campus in February when County Manager Lance Metzler officially proclaimed February as Career and Technical Education Month.

“We want to change the mindset of students and develop their interest in pursuing career and technical education courses,” said RCC President Dr. Mark Kinlaw. “CTE courses and programs of study connect students with a career and we want them to focus on that goal.”

Thirty-two Juniors and seniors from Rockingham County high schools had the opportunity to spend four days performing projects under the observation of local industry leaders. The goal for each student is to gain a pre-apprenticeship with an industry which could lead to an offer of a full apprenticeship while taking classes to earn an associate’s degree. Funding for the students’ courses at RCC is paid for by the local industry, so students learn and earn all debt-free.

Today, the economy requires an increasingly sophisticated and well-trained workforce, because technology is advancing daily. Career and Technical Education (CTE) includes programs of study offered at the college that specialize in skilled trades, applied science, modern technologies, and career preparation.

RockATOP (Rockingham County Apprenticeship and Technical Opportunities Partnership) is a collaborative effort between community, state, and local organizations, Rockingham Community College, the school system, and sponsoring businesses. The program allows students to participate in paid work experiences and college attendance while still in high school. After high school, students can continue with their work experience while they continue to work on an Associate Degree in Manufacturing Technology through Rockingham Community College. This program is tuition free to the student and at completion, students have been employed full time after high school for several years. They receive their Associate Degree and in many cases can also receive a journeyman’s certificate in their trade. The program is open to all eleventh and twelfth grade students in Rockingham County who meet grade, attendance, and discipline eligibility guidelines. Home and charter school students are eligible. Participating students must also meet college readiness requirements for Rockingham Community College.

MAR. 2018

20 students were offered pre-apprenticeship positions by five sponsoring companies.

AUG. 2018

17 Seventeen students chose to continue after pre-apprenticeship and signed full apprenticeship papers.

JUN.-AUG.

20 Twenty students completed 240 hours of paid work with their sponsoring companies, while completing two face-to-face courses at RCC.

Business and Industry Partners

- ABCO Automation, Inc., Browns Summit
- Amcors Specialty Cartons, Reidsville
- Machine Specialties Inc., Whitsett
- Pine Hall Brick, Inc., Madison
- Smith Carolina Corporation, Reidsville
- Keystone Foods, LLC, Reidsville
- Bridgestone Aircraft Tire USA

RCC ANNOUNCES CO-ADMISSION PROGRAM WITH UNCG

In January, Rockingham Community College announced a new co-admission agreement with The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) to facilitate degree completion and student success by improving access to undergraduate educational resources, university facilities, and support systems.

The RCC-UNCG “Spartan Passage” partnership expands opportunities for transfer students, regardless of location, to access and complete their baccalaureate degrees in a selection of nearly 60 popular majors including Business Administration, Biology, Psychology, and Computer Science.

“Our new partnership is designed to improve accessibility to resources and expand educational choices for RCC students,” said UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. “With a seamless transition to our campus, this collaboration with RCC will produce a greater number of qualified graduates in a shorter timeframe at a “tremendous cost-savings.”

“RCC is excited to partner more closely with UNCG,” said Dr. Mark Kinlaw, RCC President. “Traditionally, UNCG has been the primary university of choice for RCC students who want to transfer and complete a four-year degree. Making this a more seamless transfer for our students will help to encourage more RCC students to look more closely at UNCG to further their education. The partnership also gives our students the opportunity to enjoy the smaller environment that RCC offers while easing our students into the larger environment of a major university.”



UNCG

Dr. Dana Dunn, Provost-UNCG and Dr. Mark Kinlaw, President-RCC sign Spartan Passage agreement. Jennifer Haygood, Acting President of the North Carolina Community College System acknowledges the new partnership.





RCC's Computer-Integrated Machining Lab


RCC CHOSEN AS MEMBER OF MENTORLINKS

RCC was selected by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) to be a member of a new cohort for the MentorLinks: Advancing Technological Education program. Funding is secured through the National Science Foundation for this project.

RCC's project, Advancing Machining Technology in a Rural North Carolina Community, was developed by Laura Coffee, Dean, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, and Cynthia Johnson, Faculty, Computer Integrated Machining Technology. Richard Polanin, Professor of Manufacturing Engineering Technology at Illinois Central College, will serve as mentor for the project. The focus of the project is to attract more females to STEM related programs of study. The work will include curriculum development or redesign, industry engagement, student recruitment and retention, and identifying internships or experiential learning experiences for faculty and students.

"We are excited to be selected for participation in the MentorLinks program," said Dr. Mark Kinlaw, President of the college. "Our faculty are working hard to enhance the curriculum in our industrial technologies programs so that we meet the needs of our industry partners and prepare our students for the workforce."

MENTORLINKS
ADVANCING TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

A mountain biker wearing a helmet and a green backpack is riding a trail through a forest. The ground is covered with autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. Tall, thin trees line the path, and the lighting suggests a late afternoon or early morning setting. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

BELEWS PARK WILL ENHANCE DUKE ENERGY TRAILS PROGRAM



RCC President Dr. Mark Kinlaw, Mike Hughes, Duke Energy's Vice President of North Carolina Government and Community Affairs, and Rockingham County Commissioner Mark Richardson present rendering of the Belews Park property.

Duke Energy officials along with Rockingham Community College President Dr. Mark Kinlaw and Rockingham County Commissioner Mark Richardson, announced a generous gift of land to Rockingham County as part of a plan to enhance the Duke Energy TRAILS program at RCC.

The donated property is located in southwestern Rockingham County near Belews Lake. The approximately 100-acre parcel will be home to a park for use by the public and will serve as a laboratory for the students enrolled in the TRAILS program.

“We are excited about the potential this land holds for public enjoyment as a park and as an educational canvas for Duke Energy TRAILS at Rockingham Community College,” said Dr. Kinlaw.

“Education and environmental stewardship are two critical focus areas for Duke Energy,” said Mike Hughes, Vice President of North Carolina Government and Community Affairs at Duke Energy. **“We are excited that our land donation to Rockingham County will bring these elements together and provide hands-on learning for the TRAILS program at Rockingham Community College.”**

College officials have been working in partnership with Rockingham County Government and members of an advisory committee to develop a site-specific master plan through a series of community meetings held this winter. The Rockingham County Board of Commissioners approved a \$43,000 development agreement with obs Landscape Architects of Raleigh to develop the master plan. Funding for the development of this master plan came from a NC legislative appropriation.

The proposed park will include natural surface mountain bike trails and hiking trails, a paved trail, tree-top canopy walk, adventure playground, multiple overlooks, open spaces for disc golf and a dog park, picnicking areas, restrooms, shelters, and parking for guests.


RCC is providing support to Rockingham County in their submission of a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant application that will leverage the approximately \$360,000 value of the property and fund initial development of the park.

DUKE ENERGY TRAILS


FIRST YEAR SUCCESS

Duke Energy TRAILS at Rockingham Community College had a successful first year, proving the need for sustainable trails training not only in North Carolina but across the United States and even in Puerto Rico. A variety of professionals that work for agencies that offer trail-related recreational activities on land that they manage attended our unique sustainable trail classes to learn more about trail design and layout, construction, maintenance, assessment, and management. The courses offered classroom lecture, discussion, and fieldwork to help students completely comprehend course content. Many of our students stayed in local hotels and dined at local restaurants contributing to the economy of Rockingham County.


Curriculum planning and development to establish an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) program is in progress. The program will be the first of its kind. As a result, new classes and coursework are being developed that are specific to trail design and layout, construction, maintenance, and management.



86
unique students




1698
contact hours



10
classes


COURSES

Sustainable Trail Design and Layout	Sustainable Trail Layout, Construction, and Maintenance	Sustainable Trail Assessment
Sustainable Trail Assessment, Permitting, and Contracting	Spring Foraging - Eat the Weeds	Introduction to Kayaking and Canoeing



OUR STUDENTS ARE GLOBAL

- North Carolina
- New Mexico
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Virginia
- Tennessee
- South Carolina
- Puerto Rico



WHERE ARE TRAILS STUDENTS EMPLOYED?

- National Park Service
- NC State Parks
- Land Trusts
- Non-profit Environmental and Trail Advocacy Organizations
- US Forest Service
- County/City Parks and Recreation Departments
- DuPont State Recreational Forest
- Duke Energy



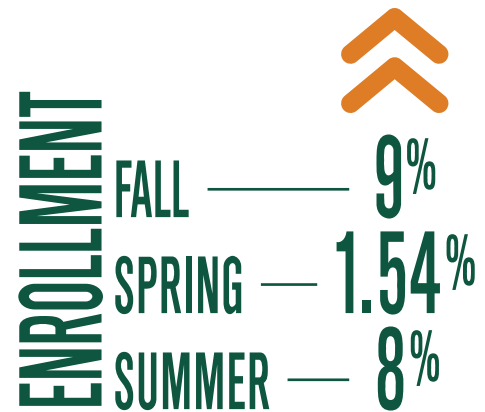
Students learn the importance of trail maintenance.

ENROLLMENT IS UP AT RCC

After several years of declining enrollment, RCC began the 2017 Fall semester with a 9% increase. Enrollment for spring semester increased 1.54%. Enrollment for summer semester increased by 8%.

“Our faculty and staff have worked very hard to make this happen,” said RCC President Dr. Mark Kinlaw. “We have had an all-hands-on-deck approach to strategically make this improvement, and the hard work to enroll more students never ends. We must make it a priority to meet the educational needs of the county and the workforce community.”

“Offering new programs of study, course delivery methods outside of the traditional classroom and keeping our facilities updated is very important to our students,” said Kinlaw.



RCC is offering more online classes than ever before. The college is also reaching out to local high school students interested in Career and College Promise courses and participating in Career and Technical Education Apprenticeships. Relationships are being forged with the home school community and charter school community. Plans are in place to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice online next year along with many other general education requirement courses.



The college placed a major emphasis on marketing to prospective students and their families prior to each enrollment period. Radio, direct mail, and social media advertising along with an increase in social media presence were part of the effort to improve enrollment.



This year, RCC offered new programs of study that included a Diploma in Welding, an Associate Degree in Nursing: Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) to Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Option Program, and an Associate in Applied Science in Manufacturing Technology degree to accommodate students in RCC's new apprenticeship program.

Students examine a variety of skulls during an anthropology class.



Homeschool students and their families visit RCC's campus.



RCC faculty worked cooperatively with the staff in Enrollment Services to provide a “high touch” academic advising experience to prospective students preparing for fall semester.



The college opened its newly renovated Simulated Hospital in the Owens Health Sciences Building and recently completed major renovation in the Advanced Technologies Building, James Library, and Whitcomb Student Center.



NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY

In March 2018, RCC welcomed the non-public high school group North Carolinians for Home Education to campus. Homeschoolers and the homeschooling parents learned about the educational opportunities available at the college such as the Career and College Promise “tuition free” program in addition to touring the campus and visiting various program areas and faculty.

Success in today's global economy requires a two-or four-year degree, a certificate or diploma. Through Career & College Promise (CCP), qualified high-school-age students in North Carolina have the opportunity to pursue these options, tuition free, while they are in high school, allowing them to get a jumpstart on their workplace and college preparation. North Carolina Homeschoolers are eligible to participate in this free tuition program.

The homeschool population in Rockingham County is continuing to experience constant growth, and Rockingham Community College is positioned to play an important role with supporting the educational goals of the homeschoolers.

The college is working with the North Carolina Community College System staff to address capacity building through increasing enrollment and shared-value awareness at the state and local levels.



DISTANCE LEARNING IS GROWING

Distance Learning at RCC is growing, thanks to a \$2.25 million Title III Grant that funds the “E-Learning: Access and Success” project. The project is designed to strengthen the institution by increasing enrollment and improving the distance learning infrastructure.

Online enrollment is growing. During fall semester 2014, 667 students were enrolled in online courses. During fall semester 2017, 1,223 students were enrolled in online courses. Course section offerings have doubled since 2014, and 92% of students enrolled in the Title III grant courses completed with a grade B or higher.

The college has been able to upgrade facilities and technology with the grant funding and is now offering tuition-free classes through the Career and College Promise program to local high school students using virtual instruction. The college is also positioned to offer the same tuition-free courses to non-public high school students in the county such as homeschools, private schools, and charter schools.

As a result of the Title III grant, students who have an interest and/or need to participate in distance learning education can now complete the entire process online, from admissions through course registration to the final exam. By 2020, the college will be offering the following degree programs entirely online: Associate in Arts and Associate in Applied Science – Criminal Justice.



FACILITIES & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Growth is the key to the continued prosperity of Rockingham Community College, and with that growth comes maintenance and expansion of the institution's facilities. The college undertook a number of capital improvement projects during 2017-2018.

Highlights include the following:

Renovation of all three floors in the Gerald B. James Library. The upper floor and ground floors were renovated to house part of the Rockingham County Early College High School.

Replacement of a leaking transformer near Whitcomb Student Center.

Installation of cameras in parking lots.

Replacement of fire-burn panels in the Smoke-Burn Building at the Emergency Services Training Center.

Began \$1.4 million renovation of Whitcomb Student Center.

Began renovation of the first floor of Humanities Building

Widening and paving of the college's walking track, plus installation of an exercise area.

Rockingham Community College received grants totaling more than \$1.5 million during 2017-18.

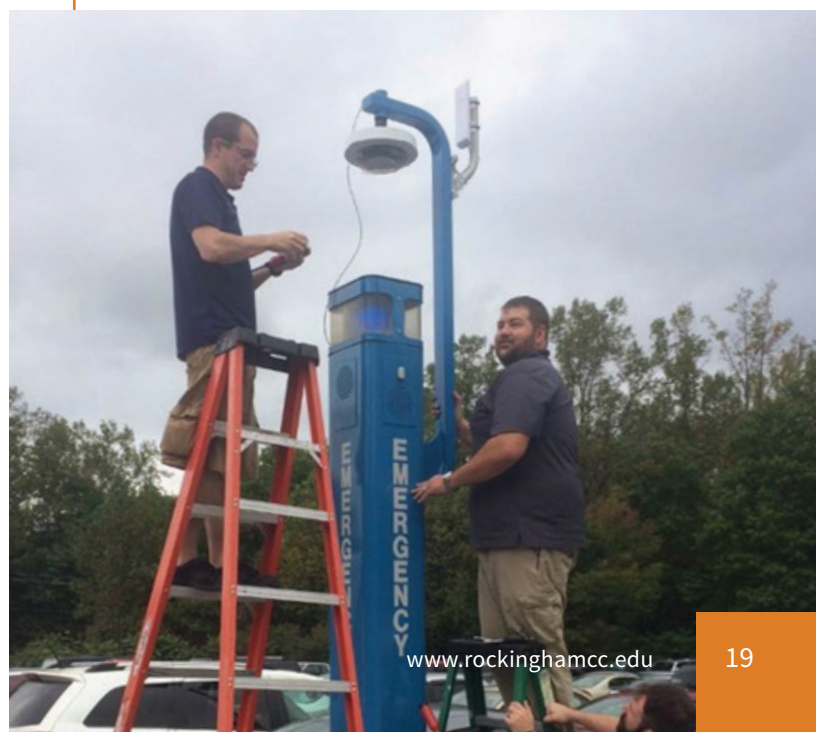
Among the grants received were:

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

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

\$17,234 from the state Minority Male Success Initiative to continue a program for mentoring students.

\$25,000 from Healthy Places NC to promote community health and wellness in Rockingham County.



MCGEHEE HONORED WITH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Curtis McGehee of Reidsville was selected as the 2018 Academic Excellence Award recipient for the college.

McGehee earned an Associate in Arts and an Associate in Science in May 2018 and is attending the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill to continue his studies in biology.

“One of the greatest gifts that the community college has given me is direction,” said McGehee. “I plan to major in biology at UNC and earn advanced degrees in the field as well. I am interested in a career in academic research.”

In addition to the classroom, McGehee was involved in a variety of campus clubs, organizations, and activities where he made wonderful friends and great memories of his community college experience.

When nominating McGehee for the honor, Professor of Biology Dr. Lori French wrote, “When asked to think critically during lab experiments, Curtis was able to assimilate various sources of information and formulate his thoughts into well-written lab reports. He is one of the most academically gifted students that I have had the privilege of teaching.”



WALL NAMED RCC'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT

RCC's Outstanding Student Award for 2018 was presented to Woodrow Anderson Wall, III. Each year RCC faculty presents the Outstanding Student Award to a May graduate. The student is selected based on academic excellence, contribution to the College community, and potential for continued study or occupational advancement.

Wall is a veteran who served five years in the United States Marine Corps. Shortly after receiving an Honorable Discharge in August 2016, he enrolled in RCC's Computer-Integrated Machining Associate in Applied Science degree program to develop the skills needed for a challenging career in the field of advanced manufacturing.

Regarded as an exemplary student with deeply-ingrained values, Wall is always willing to help his classmates with personal and academic challenges. He is a role model for other students in the program.

Wall is a Rockingham County Jail Corrections Officer and is actively involved with the Veteran's Transition Program as an inspirational speaker and peer-to-peer mentor. Recently, Wall committed to six years in the Army Reserves. After earning his degree, he joined the Burlington Police Department in August 2018 and hopes to open his own machine shop in the future.



RCC
SPRING COMMENCEMENT
2018



RCC EAGLES PLACE 4TH IN



For the first time in college history, RCC's Eagles baseball team made an appearance at the NJCAA Division III World Series, held at Pioneer Park in Greeneville, Tennessee. The Eagles won against the #1 and #7 seeded teams and lost against the #2 and #4 seeded teams to finish fourth in the nation. The team record at the end of the season was 25-21-1. In addition to the World Series trip, the Eagles brought home both the Region X and District D championships.

The beginning of the season got off to a slow start because of rainy weather. Once games were being played consistently, our team was unstoppable. The Eagles won the Region Championship in a very close game against conference rival Surry Community College. Winning the Region X Championship led to RCC hosting the District D Championship against Prince George's Community College out of Largo, Maryland. In a best 2 out of 3 tournament format, the Eagles lost the first game and won the next two games to become District D Champions! Reidsville High School assisted RCC in hosting the tournament because of extreme weather conditions, and the athletic department was grateful for their help.

Winning the District D tournament led to RCC being in the top 8 teams in the country to go to the NJCAA DIII World Series. This was the first time that any team in Region X won a game in the World Series, and RCC won 2! The experience for the coaches and players was unforgettable with a day of practice and signing autographs for local kids, an evening of a banquet with a MLB pitcher as a guest speaker, followed by 4 days of rain delays and 4 games.

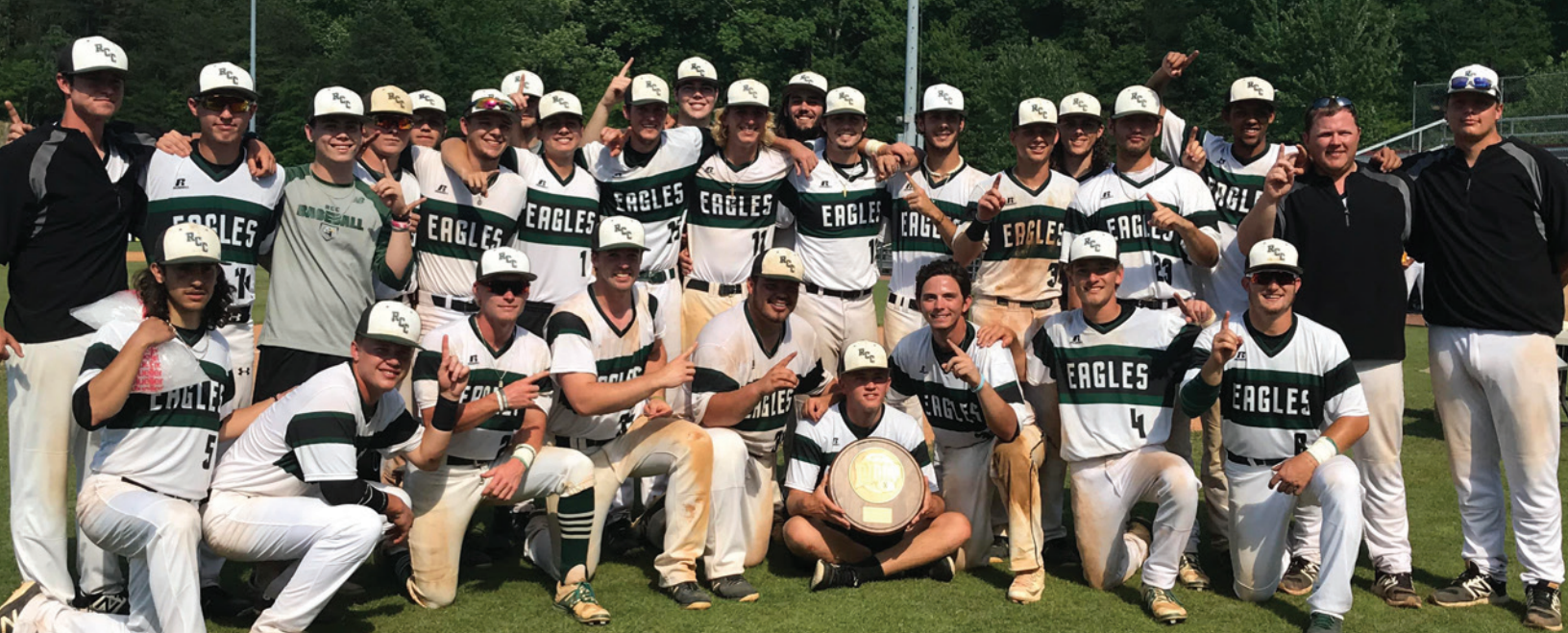
We are proud of our team in all of their accomplishments this season.

#4 in the nation! Go Eagles!

The Eagles are coached by Head Coach Reece Honeycutt, Pitching Coach Will Greene, and Student Coach Colson Everett.

2018 NJCAA Division III World Series team.





2018 Region X Conference Champs



2018 Region X Conference Champs



Walker Joyce



Blake Cleaverly

The RCC Eagles 2017-2018 Team Awards

1st Team All Region Awards

Infielder Caleb Henderson
 Outfielder Gavin Taylor
 Pitcher Walker Joyce

Pitcher of the Year

Walker Joyce

Coach of the Year

Reece Honeycutt

2nd Team All Region

Infielder Zach McGinnis
 Infielder Jehu Zarate
 Outfielder Chayce Aldridge
 Pitcher Robbie Robledo

RCC LADY EAGLES VOLLEYBALL

The 2017-2018 season for RCC's Lady Eagles Volleyball team was focused on growth and ended with a 5-17 record. The team had matches with area schools in higher divisions. One of their most memorable matches was against Brevard College in October 2017, where Brevard was leading and the RCC Eagles came back and defeated them in 5 games. It was an exciting match that players and coaches continue to discuss.

Coach Brooke Young led the team with assistant coach Tara Lucas. Young resigned as head coach in May 2018 and Lucas was named Interim Head Coach for the 2018 Fall Volleyball Season. Director of Student Life Maggie Murray is excited about the upcoming 2018 season. "Tara has a lot of knowledge for the game and is dedicated to RCC, having played on the volleyball team during the 2014 and 2016 seasons and graduated from RCC in 2017," she said.



Region X Second Team: Cassie Gover



Region X Honorable Mention:
 Amanda Denny



STUDENT LIFE

ACTIVITIES EXPLODE



RCC's new Director of Student Life, Margaret "Maggie" Murray, started spring semester with a flurry of activities for students.

Murray spends her days organizing and conducting events and extracurricular activities and athletics that support all students. Her goal is to create a genuine sense of school spirit for students on campus and for the community.

A variety of events were held across campus during the academic year. Each activity was designed to help students to feel a sense of belonging while on campus and to create a sense of community.

"I want to make RCC a place where students study hard and play hard," Murray said. "RCC is a place where you can come and hone your skills in the classroom, on the field or court, move on to a four-year institution or get an amazing job with the technical skills learned in the classroom."

RCC students have the opportunity to get involved with weekly activities going on across campus. The following events were held this year:

- Hot Chocolate Social during exams
- Wentworth Christmas Parade
- Paper Football Super Bowl
- Lazer Tag Tournament
- Blood Drives
- Voter Registration Drive
- Intramural Basketball, Golf, and Tennis
- We "Heart" Black History Month
- Valentine's Day Celebration
- RCC Spirit Day
- Throwback Thursday
- Spring Fling
- Marvel vs. Superhero Day
- Hidden Figures & SAGA Treasure Hunt
- Fitness Center Members of the Month Contest
- Opioid Epidemic Lecture Series
- History Club Yard Sale
- Distracted Driving Simulator
- #James Library Rocks
- Student Government Association Workshops
- Therapy Dogs on Campus



GRASS DOESN'T GROW ON THE MOUNTAIN

by Natalie Horton, RCC Class of 2018



Natalie Horton in class at Rockingham Community College

If I could do something to give back to the North Carolina Community College System, I would do three things. First, I would change the perception that universities offer a better education than community colleges. Then, I would squash the rumor that your opportunities are limited and your chances of growth are small. Lastly, I would promote the truth by being a living example of the excellent education and impeccable opportunities that community colleges offer by continuing to share my story of how far you can go.

Like many community college students, I chose to attend because it was financially my best option. That being said, I wasn't eligible for financial aid, and I got through most of school by working, and with assistance from a few scholarships I received along the way.

I didn't know what to expect from college. Throughout high school, I was involved in everything possible — from volleyball, to singing in church, to competing with my horses, to youth ministry.

Yet my goal as I started my college career at Rockingham Community College was to be invisible.

One of the amazing aspects of a community college education is the personalized one-on-one time you get with your teachers and advisors. We hear this sentiment so often when speaking about community colleges that we begin to ignore how incredible that resource is. It was because of this personalized attention that I didn't stay invisible for very long.

Teachers and advisors saw things in me that I couldn't have possibly seen in myself, and pretty soon I was being recruited for student government. I'd never been involved in something like this and was very excited to see what new and exciting adventures it would bring. Little did I know that a few weeks later I would run and receive the position of President, which I held for two consecutive years. Out of student government stemmed more opportunities than I could have imagined.

In my two years with student government, I sat on my college's Board of Trustees to be a voice for all our students. I was introduced to the N4CSGA board and was able to serve as the local interactions chair for a semester to be a voice for our entire state. I participated in the Student Leadership Development Program and came back the next year to be a leader in the program. I've met and worked with some of the most amazing people with equally amazing stories.

I've watched as people who were shy and who got sick from the idea of speaking in public stand up and speak out in front of hundreds of people because someone needed them to be their voice. The hashtag that many of you have seen floating around — #58Strong — came out of a N4CSGA conference where a motion was made to use this hashtag at all community college events across the state.

It was a way to bring people together with a common cause and a common voice in a day where technology is in such demand.

Little did we know that voting on and passing something as simple as the use of a common hashtag would start a movement to band together for the common cause of affordable education with incredible opportunities. The voices across this state are so strong if we only take a moment to listen.

At one of our leadership events, the keynote speaker decided to talk about the mountains and the valleys and the grass. It's okay, I got lost at that point, too.

He went on to talk about the grass in the mountains; did you know that grass in the mountains only has to be cut about twice a year? It doesn't grow nearly as fast as it does down in the lower areas of the state.

I don't know about you, but I love the mountains. I wish I could stay up there and ride the highs of life all the time, but as our speaker pointed out, grass doesn't grow on the mountain. The mountain is a great place to reflect and be proud of all you've done, but once the reflecting is over, we must go back to the valley to share what we've learned with others and teach them how to climb. While we are teaching them to climb, we must continue to grow ourselves.

In about a month, I will be transferring to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to pursue my bachelor's degree in systems engineering. This article, in a way, is my final reflection on top of the mountain before going back to the valley to start a new journey at UNCC.

There's a verse in the Bible from the book of Isaiah that reads: "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

I believe that in many ways this is exactly what the community college does.

They taught me to climb the mountain, prepared me for the difficult journey, and gave me the confidence to test my wings.

I have no doubt that because of the things I've learned and the amazing support of the people I've met through the community college system, I will soar to new heights at UNCC.

To my community college in Rockingham County, thank you for believing in me. To the system office and all the other amazing supporters I've had from other community colleges, thank you. Thank you for setting your students up for success and for pushing us to be the best students and people we can be.

On Monday, May 14, 22 students and four members of the faculty from RCC made their various ways from North Carolina to New York City. Some drove, others came by plane, and still others made their way by train through Grand Central Station.

Planning for this trip began months before! Instructors began exploring destination options and narrowing our choices. Once we had settled on New York City, we began discussing various destinations in the city and the ways in which students could help participate in the planning. Students helped to organize our travel schedules, research various locations and art works we would be experiencing, and even helped plan meal schedules and locations. From start to finish, students were directly involved in this trip!

Once we all arrived at our hostel, we immediately began taking advantage of our time in the city. We all got onto the subways and started learning how to be New Yorkers!



We made our way to our first destination—the Brooklyn Bridge! This is the amazing piece of architecture that everyone knows from films and photographs, but its historical importance and the way the bridge transformed the island of Manhattan is less well known. So, our own history instructor, Mark Sattler, was the first to make a presentation. After we found a semi-quiet place to talk and listen, we all made our way across the bridge, snapping pictures and enjoying the evening air.

After a long walk back to the subway, we headed back to our hostel. After a quick break for dinner, we all came together as a group and shared some of our experiences from the day.



The second day was a whirlwind! The weather was perfect, and we started the day with a long subway ride from the Bronx all the way to Central Park. We first visited Strawberry Fields, the memorial to John Lennon, then strolled across the park to the eastern side, where we viewed the Guggenheim Museum.

Then, we headed for the Metropolitan Museum of Art! This is one of the premiere exhibitions of art in the world, and we spent several hours, as groups and individuals, wandering through the various collections. From the Met, we took a long subway ride to the north end of the island to see the Cloisters, a French monastery which had been disassembled, shipped across the Atlantic, and re-assembled inside a gorgeous park. This is also one of the finest collections of medieval and Christian art in the world! We saw sarcophagi of the Crusaders, a vellum scroll containing the genealogy of Jesus, and some truly amazing architecture. Once that museum closed, we tried to go to St. John's Cathedral, but we got there too late for it was closed. However, we were able to view the sculpture garden and the amazing architecture of the building.

Rain began to fall so we decided to get dinner and head back to the hostel. Once again, we came together as a group to share our experiences, and this part of the trip quickly became a highlight, especially for the instructors.

By day three, rain was steadily falling. After a quick breakfast, we headed back into Manhattan to go to the Museum of Art and Design. Their amazing collection had the students buzzing! From there, we went to the

RCC —VISITS— NYC



Museum of Modern Art, probably the finest collection of contemporary art in the world. Once again, students were able to make presentations, witness art they had only seen in books and on the Internet, and share their experiences with their instructors and each other.

From there, we trekked through the rain to the New York Public Library, Grand Central Station, and Times Square, stopping at each to make presentations and discover what the sites had to offer. Once again, after dinner and a quick break, we made our way back to our hostel and came together to share. By then, this group was very comfortable with each other, and some people who had been reticent to share really began opening up.

Our last full day in New York City began with clear skies. We made our way to Greenwich Village and spent an amazing morning at Greenwich Pottery, touring workspaces and talking with the artists and their director. Since so many of our students had already taken pottery classes, this was highly applicable to the work they had already done. From there, we wandered



through the village, stopped at the Stonewall Inn, enjoyed a delightful lunch and headed back to Brooklyn. For the rest of the afternoon, we toured the beautiful Brooklyn Arboretum and the Brooklyn Museum of Art. This was a perfect way to end a long day, so we just had our meeting in front of the museum. From there, we made our back to the hostel, had dinner, and began preparing for our last day.

Our final day together started with a fantastic tour of the Tenement Museum in downtown Manhattan. This is a wonderful way to understand the immigrant experience in New York City, and was one of the highlights of the entire trip.

From there, we went to lunch, and later met up in Battery Park where we saw the Statue of Liberty. Amazing!

From there, we went our separate ways. Some stayed a bit longer in the city, others hopped on planes and trains for home. Some of our group got delayed on the way home due to train tracks that had been washed out during the intense storms that we walked through during the previous day.

Eventually, everyone got home safe and sound, tired, and incredibly fulfilled.

In the words of one of our recent RCC graduates, Heather Hawkins, "Being able to experience this city and spend time with people I knew has truly blessed me. Throughout the trip, I felt as if we all were family, from riding the subway together to sharing our heartfelt experiences with each other either as a group or one-on-one, to coming together at the end of the night to share our perspectives of the day. Although I have graduated, I know that I can find hope and a family with these people at RCC. I want to thank the RCC Foundation for being able to make my experience possible. Without their generosity, I feel as if a part of me would have never grown. This experience has honestly helped me to see the beauty in everything."

Len Jordan, recent winner of RCC's Emerging Artist award, wrote about the inspiration this trip gave him. "I am going to make RCC proud, I am going to make the professors proud, I am going to make my friends proud and lastly, I am going to make myself proud and it is experiences like this that motivate me to be the best I can," he said.

And as instructors, we wholeheartedly agree. These experiences make us better teachers, and they provide life-transforming experiences to our students.

Written by Assistant Professor of History Mark Sattler.

Mr. Sattler served as a guide for this trip along with Ray Martin, Professor of Fine Arts, Marianna Rader, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and Philip Haralam, Faculty - Fine Arts.





*Charlie Wall, Roxanne Pecinich, Dr. Mark Kinlaw,
Maggie Murray, Libby Detter.*

RCC FACULTY AND STAFF RECEIVE RECOGNITION

ROXANNE PECINICH RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Assistant Professor Roxanne Pecinich was selected as the full-time Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for 2018. Pecinich holds a Diploma in Nursing from Watts School of Nursing, and a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She joined the faculty at RCC in 2008 and has taught for 10 years.

According to a colleague, Pecinich is an integral part of the nursing faculty and works diligently to provide excellent teaching strategies to promote student success. Her enthusiasm for teaching, willingness to participate in team projects, and support of the Associate Degree Nursing philosophy for high quality education demonstrate her continued excellence in nursing education.

Her students say, “She always finds time in her busy schedule to assist anyone who needs her advice or help with guidance or difficult course material. She is available to answer questions and provide motivation at any time through email, phone, or office meetings. She is concerned about students who struggle and provides just the right amount of structure yet allows the autonomy necessary for her students.”

LIBBY DETTER RECEIVES PART-TIME EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Aquilla “Libby” Detter was selected as the 2018 part-time Excellence in Teaching award recipient. Detter holds a Bachelor of Art from Lenoir-Rhyne College. She earned a Master of Science in Counselor Education and a Doctorate in Educational Specialist from Appalachian State University. Detter began teaching at RCC in various continuing education programs in 2012. In May 2017, she began teaching the Effective Teacher Training class. More than eighty students have completed the program under Detter.

The success of the Effective Teacher Training Program can be directly attributed to the relationship Detter has built with the faculty and staff at Rockingham County Schools. She provides each class with a unique, interactive exercise to imitate a real classroom and gives her students the tools that they need to manage a classroom as a substitute teacher.

MAGGIE MURRAY IS STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Maggie Murray, Director of Student Life, was recognized by the college as Staff Member of the Year.

Maggie Murray joined the RCC staff in August, 2016 as the Title III Instructional Designer and quickly became widely known as a dynamic member of the team with a powerful sense of fun. In December of 2017, she began duties as Director of Student Life.

Murray immediately got the attention of everyone on campus with her weekly, and sometimes daily, updates and announcements regarding athletic competition, student events, and campus club happenings.

Thanks to her efforts, the RCC Spring Fling was the most colorful and engaging student event ever. With life-size yard games, a bounce house, Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, and great music, there's no doubt that a good time was had by all. Nearly 900 students, faculty, and staff participated in the event, and Maggie even made sure that the weather was perfect for that special day!

As a member of the college Wellness Committee, Maggie was instrumental in planning a campus-wide Fitness Football event. She has coordinated a weekly pickle ball games for the campus and can be counted on to pitch in and cover instruction for an occasional tennis class.

Her enthusiasm certainly brings the campus together.

Murray holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Master of Science degree in Educational Media Instructional Technology from Appalachian State University.

CHARLIE WALL NAMED PART-TIME STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Charlie Wall, Basic Law Enforcement Training instructor, was named RCC's Part-time Staff Member of the Year.

Charlie Wall began his service to RCC in September, 1999 as part time Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) instructor and taught various BLET topics as needed. In 2002 he earned the BLET Qualified Assistant designation from the NC Criminal Justice Academy. Wall holds certifications in Law Enforcement Driver Training, Firearms, and General Instructor.

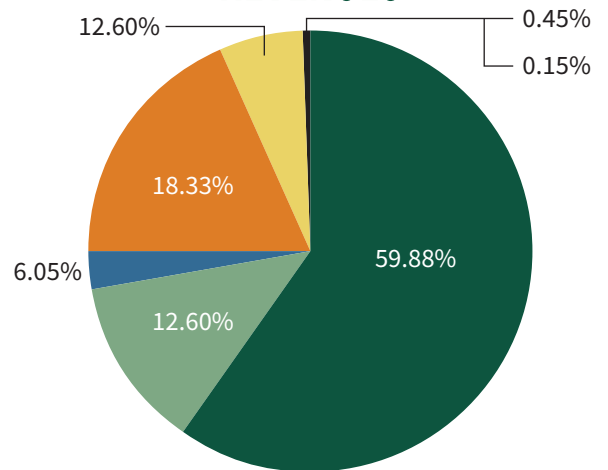
From July 2012 through January 2013, Wall provided much needed assistance during a transition period when he filled in as BLET School Director.

Most recently, Wall completed the 2018 General Instructional Update: Criminal Justice Leadership with the NC Justice Academy.

Not only has he been dedicated to the college and to our many BLET students and graduates, Wall has been an excellent role model for all students.

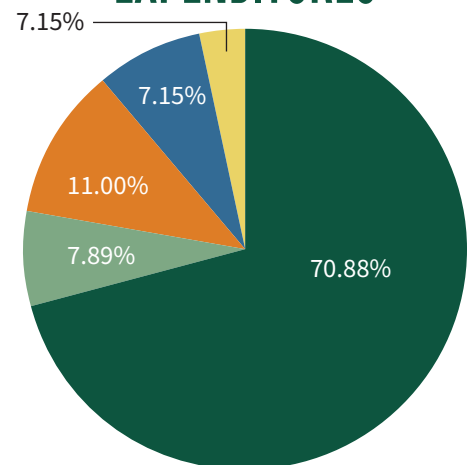
2017-2018 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REVENUES



Revenues	Amount	% of Total
State Appropriation	10,282,826	59.88%
County Appropriation	2,164,473	12.60%
Sales and Service	434,615	2.53%
Federal Contracts and Grants	3,147,933	18.33%
Investment Income	26,1680	.15%
Noncapital Gifts, Contracts & Grants	1,039,0696	.05%
Other Revenue	77,3010	.45%
Total Revenues	17,172,385	100.00%

EXPENDITURES



Expenditures	Amount	% of Total
Salaries and Benefits	13,119,364	70.88%
College Services	1,322,858	7.15%
Supplies and Materials	2,035,590	11.00%
Scholarships	1,460,665	7.89%
Utilities	569,774	3.08%
Total Expenditures	18,508,252	100.00%



FOUNDATION

FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

This past year the Rockingham Community College Foundation celebrated its 48th year of changing lives through education. The RCC Foundation is fortunate to have such a high level of support from our friends. It is your generous support that makes helping our students, informing our faculty and staff, and enriching our community possible. Individuals, businesses, industries, organizations, churches and civic clubs contributed \$323,504 to the Foundation this past year. I am pleased to share our annual report that recognizes the benefactors and friends that make the work of the Foundation possible.

Internal support is vital for a successful campaign. It demonstrates commitment, trust, accountability, and loyalty from the faculty and staff that witness firsthand how donor's dollars are used every day. I am proud to say that the RCC faculty and staff raised \$24,000 during the Annual Campus Fund Drive. This is an exceptional achievement for a school; however, Rockingham Community College is not your typical college and our RCC Foundation is quite extraordinary as well.

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

Appreciatively,

Fletcher Waynick
RCC Foundation President

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FOUNDATION



The Foundation Talon Club is a comprehensive sponsorship program designed to support activities in all areas of the college, including cultural arts programming, athletics and special events. Just as the talons of the college's eagle mascot symbolizes strength, support provided by the Talon Club Members strengthens RCC. Talon Club members contribute \$1,500 or more annually with \$500 designated for Athletics and \$1,000 designated as unrestricted funds (student programs and services, greatest needs of the college as approved by the RCC Foundation Appropriations Committee.)

Talon Club members receive:

- 1) One sponsorship solicitation per year
- 2) Presidential invitations to special campus events with preferred parking
- 3) Sponsorship recognition in all RCC Foundation sponsored programs
- 4) Recognition at annual appreciation event

For additional Talon information, please contact the RCC Foundation Office
Attention: Dr. Cindy Wall Sarwi
(336) 342-4261, x2106



Talon Club Member: Grayson Whitt
(not pictured: Connie Whitt)



New Talon Members:
Wayne and Gretchen Parrish

2017-18 TALON CLUB MEMBERS

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- Carolina Apothecary
- Kevin and Kelley Carroll
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- Duke Energy
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Dr. Tiffany Roberson Vines
- Mr. Grayson and Mrs. Connie Whitt
- Mr. Kenan and Mrs. Molly Wright

CAMPUS FUND DRIVE

The Campus Fund Drive is an employee giving campaign that kicks off each year when employees return to campus for the Fall semester. In 2017, RCC faculty and staff raised \$24,000 for the Rockingham Community College Foundation. Internal support is vital for a successful campaign. It demonstrates commitment, trust, accountability, and loyalty from the faculty/staff that witness how donor's dollars are used every day. These unrestricted dollars help support a number of initiatives on campus including:

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



RCC faculty and staff kick off the Campus Fund Drive

100% OF YOUR INVESTMENT SUPPORTS RCC STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES!

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Annual Giving Campaign (AGC) is critical to raising unrestricted dollars for the college. This allows the funds to go to the greatest needs at RCC. AGC contributions support much needed student programs and services.

On March 2, 2018, over 100 community volunteers joined the RCC Foundation in kicking off the RCC Foundation Annual Giving Campaign.

THE 2017-2018
CAMPAIGN GOAL WAS
\$150,000

OVERALL CAMPAIGN TOTALS
JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

\$323,504!

Thank you to everyone that helped in the events this year as well as the Annual Giving Campaign.

We could not raise these funds without you as advocates and volunteers.

THANK YOU DONORS FOR INVESTING IN ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

2017-18 Annual Giving Campaign (AGC)

Goal: \$150,000

March 2, 2018-April 6, 2018

\$153,451

AGC Regional Summary:	Goals:	Dollars Raised:
County	\$30,000	\$12,774
Eden	\$30,000	\$39,235
Madison/Mayodan	\$18,000	\$8,669
Reidsville	\$66,000	\$69,971
Stoneville	\$6,000	\$22,802

Overall Campaign Totals

July 1, 2017-June 28, 2018

\$323,504

Restricted: \$204,519 Unrestricted: \$118,985

The RCC Foundation thanks the following volunteers for paving the way for a successful Campaign:

Cindy Adams; Miranda Ashley; Larry Barefoot; Kelly Barefoot; Anne Barrett; Susan Britt; Ellen Campbell; BJ Case; Susan Clark; Barbara Crook; Charles Davis; Cathy DeMason; Ann Donecker; Debbie Ellis; Martha Foster; Judy Fowler; Faye Gantt; Hal Griffin; Donna Griffin; Jean Bullins; Vonda Higgs; Clarence Johnson; Theresa McCollum; Carol Mills; John Morris; Barbara Osborne; Jeff Parris; Judge Pierce; Toni Reece; Rachel Scott; Jim Scott; Janet Silvers; Bill Simpson; Susan Rogers; Bobby Stanley; Kaye Swaim; Fred Timper; Julia Tuggle; Carlissa Wall; Fletcher Waynick; Bobby Wharton; Cheryl Witcher; Judy Wilkins; Vicky Alston; Linda Woody; Clay Barham; Linda Estes; Kathy Hale; Tara Fargis; Tim Jenkins; Mary Martin; Nancy McCollum; Arnold Robertson; Janie Robertson; Betty Robertson; Cathy Smith; Tiffany Roberson Vines; Dana Weston; Steve Williams; Mary Lynn Williams; Bill Knight; Danny Dallas; Kathy Galvan; Donna Goggin; Bill Holcomb; Randy Hunt; Tony Nichols; Will Ore; Robin Pegram; Carole Roberts; Dwaine Strader; Marcia Treece; Carla Watkins; Betty Williams; Matt Smith; Jason Rakestraw; Eric Whitten; Tina Whitten; Mona Easter; Charles Caruso; Diane Hall; Johnnie Hayes; Billy Coleman; Faye Frye; Howie Terry; Bill Witherspoon; Peggy Connolly MacDowell; Casey Vincent





RCC FOUNDATION GRANTS

Faculty and Staff apply November-February each year for RCC Foundation Grants. Grant proposals are reviewed by the Campus Advisory Committee and College President with recommendations forwarded to the RCC Foundation Appropriations Committee for approval. The RCC Foundation Board of Directors announces funding decisions at the spring board meeting.

In 2017-18, 19 grants were awarded at \$170,000. In addition, \$20,000 funded the marketing of the Quarter Cent Sales Tax Referendum and \$50,000 funded Continuing Projects.

2017-2018 GRANTS AWARDED

RCC Foundation Student Aid Grants \$12,000.00

The RCC Foundation Grants are vital to students who do not demonstrate enough financial need to be eligible for federal and/or state need based financial aid grant assistance. The RCC Foundation Grants are awarded to those students who have unmet costs based upon reported family income; however, measured financial strength of the income is not enough to cover educational expenses.

RCC Foundation Work Study \$20,000.00

The Federal Work Study Program funds part-time employment to qualifying students based on the institution's previous funding level and the aggregate need of eligible students. Federal allocations are not sufficient enough to cover all of the work study applicants and departmental requests for work study positions. RCC Foundation grants pick up the cost of Work Study students once the Federal funds are exhausted; thus, allowing students to continue their on-campus employment.

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

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) uses peer tutors to provide academic assistance for RCC students having difficulties in specific courses.

Peer tutors work assigned hours to tutor individual students on identified weaknesses or needs.

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

These scholarships encourage as many High School Equivalency (HSE) and Adult High School (AHS) graduates as possible to further their education by attending RCC. Students submit essays expressing what receiving an RCC scholarship would mean to them. Winners receive scholarship funds for tuition at RCC.

High School Equivalency Testing Vouchers \$5,750.00

This grant provides vouchers for the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) for up to 100 students. Currently, HiSET is one of three tests that students can take to earn their High School Equivalency Diploma. HiSET is the least expensive testing option at \$10 per individual subject test or \$50 total.

CCP Student Funding \$17,100.00

The Career and College Promise program is a dual enrollment opportunity for high school students to take college level courses in a College Transfer Pathway (CTP) or Career and

Technical Education (CTE) pathway through Rockingham Community College. Whereas the state covers the cost of tuition for the courses, the student is responsible for fees, books, and supplies. The cost of the materials is often a deterrent for enrollment in this program, as these students are not eligible for financial aid assistance. RCC is partnering with Rockingham County Schools to increase enrollment in CCP options to 400 students in the future. Current CTE pathways include: Welding, Machining, Mechatronics, Mobile App Developer, Horticulture, Nurse Aide, Criminal Justice, and Early Childhood Education.

Career College \$3,600.00

Career College is an integrative post-secondary certificate program currently offered at only a handful of community colleges. The entry-level program provides a foundation for transitioning into a career or additional coursework. Students work on reading math, and computer skills along with hands-on occupational training. High school grads with an Occupational Diploma and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities are encouraged to apply. Students must be 18 years old and referred through Vocational Rehabilitation, high school exceptional children's teachers and counselors, guidance and transition counselors, social workers or case managers.

IN 2017-2018, 19 GRANTS WERE AWARDED AT \$170,000!

Assistive Technology Equipment for Disabled Students **\$2,300.00**

This grant enables the college to purchase a LiveScribe pen (a device that records everything heard, written and spoken, for students to access later), voice recorders (to be used by students who have an approved accommodation to receive audio recording of lectures), and a JAWS screen reader software license to be installed in the ARC.

Financial Support for Intercollegiate Athletics **\$20,000.00**

Rockingham Community College fields two intercollegiate athletic teams – women's volleyball and men's baseball. RCC does not receive state or federal funding for athletics nor does it award athletic scholarships. This grant supports the athletic costs for two sports including uniforms, travel, equipment, supplies and other needs associated with team practices and competitions.

Employee/Public Relations Functions **\$13,000.00**

The college regularly hosts various groups on campus to keep informed of college business. Such groups include: county commissioners, civic organizations, public school personnel, and business and industry. The college is prohibited from using state funds for these functions.

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

RCC has partnered with Rockingham County Economic Development, NC Works, Goodwill Career Centers, Chambers of Commerce, and local business/industry to pursue becoming a Certified Work Ready Community. The credential helps in marketing for potential business/industry location to the county. The CRC is divided into 3 tests that cost \$12 each for a total of \$2,700.

RCC Wellness Activities Program **\$4,000.00**

The purpose of this grant is to promote good health for RCC employees by providing individual and group wellness activities as well as incentives to motivate more individuals to follow the wellness program. Good health among employees leads to greater productivity at work.

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

This grant provides \$500.00 to a full-time faculty member and a full-time staff as well as \$250.00 to a part-time faculty and part-time staff. These employees are recognized for their excellence at the Annual Excellence in Teaching/Staff Awards Ceremony each year. An additional \$2,000.00 is used for attendance at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference.

Student Travel Program **\$6,000.00**

The Student Travel Program provides the opportunity for students from Rockingham Community College to travel to urban centers throughout the United States under the direction of RCC faculty. Students will gain experience in planning and budgeting skills, research techniques, and presentation skills, along with the lessons that only travel can bring – creative adaptation, new perspectives, and the experiences that come with being out of one's comfort zone.

Eaglemania: College for Kids **\$2,500.00**

Eaglemania: College for Kids is designed to provide enrichment opportunities for ages 6-17 at an affordable cost during the summer months on the campus of RCC and at off-campus partner sites. Class offerings include a wide range of topics such as horseback riding, musical theatre, robotics, tennis, pottery, fitness, outdoor education, etiquette, art, and

science. This program hopes to make lasting impressions on potential future students in addition to increasing the cultural experiences of local students.

Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist Financial Assistance **\$10,180.00**

This certificate option prepares individuals for entry level positions in the medical office field with responsibilities in billing and medical reimbursement. To complete the training program, students must complete the Medical Reimbursement Specialist Examination offered through the American Billing Association. This grant funds the Study Guide and Examination Fee of \$254.40 for up to 40 students and covers all associated testing through the AMBA.

NC FAST: Income Maintenance Caseworker **\$6,820.00**

This grant is used to establish the NC FAST program at Rockingham Community College. NC FAST is a partnership between the Dept. of Social Services and N.C. Community Colleges. The program is created to address staff shortages in the Income Maintenance Caseworker positions within DSS agencies statewide, as well as to properly train current and potential staff in the new NC FAST software. The training program involves two phases. Phase 1, "Introduction to Human Services: DSS Income Maintenance Caseworker," focuses on employability skills training and career exploration of the positions. Income Maintenance students who successfully complete both phases will receive preference when applying for Income Maintenance Caseworker positions with any DSS office in North Carolina.



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Manufacturing Essentials Certified Logistics Technician \$5,310.00

The Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Logistics Associate-Certified Logistics Technician (CLA/CLT) is an industry-recognized nationally portable certification for front-line (entry-level through frontline supervisor) material handling and distribution workers. It includes two assessments; the foundation Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) and the midlevel Certified Logistics Technician (CLT). Students will first complete the CLA level which will provide foundational supply chain knowledge with eLearning modules on logistics environment, global supply chain, safety, material handling equipment, quality control, communication, and problem solving. After completing the CLA, students will move onto the CLT course. The CLT course offers midlevel technician knowledge and skills that includes eLearning modules in product receiving, product storage, order processing, packaging, inventory control, dispatch and tracing operations. This training will include Career Readiness Certificate and hands-on forklift training.

Manufacturing Essentials Certified Production Technician \$8050.00

The Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) nationally recognizes the standards Certified Production Technician (CPT) Program which enables students to build a basic foundation of production skills. Students heading towards a career in manufacturing must demonstrate a broad array of critical technical skills. The MSSC – CPT program provides short-term training and credentialing in the foundational areas of Safety, Quality, Manufacturing Processes and Maintenance. In addition to technical skills, CPT addresses cross-functional skills, such as communication, teamwork, customer awareness and workplace conduct. Students who successfully complete the four modules will earn their CPT nationally-accredited certification from MSSC. This training will include Career Readiness Certificate training.

2018-2019 GRANTS APPROVED

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) Peer Tutor Program \$20,000

The project goal of the Academic Resource Center (ARC) is to use peer tutors to provide academic assistance for RCC students having difficulties in specific courses. Tutors are available to help students learn concepts in math, reading, English, writing, Spanish, general biology, anatomy and physiology, psychology, chemistry, physics, and computer courses. Peer tutors work assigned hours to tutor individual students on identified weaknesses and needs. The expected outcome is student mastery of skills resulting in successful completion of their courses.

RCC Foundation Student Aid Grants \$10,000

The RCC Foundation Student Aid Grants are vital to students who do not demonstrate enough financial need for federal and/or state funding. The RCC Foundation Grants are awarded to students who have unmet costs based upon reported family income. These grants will perform as supplements to assist with the cost of tuition and fees which will allow students to attend RCC instead of choosing another school that may offer financial assistance alternatives.

Career and College Promise Student Funding \$15,000

The Career and College Promise (CCP) program allows high school juniors and seniors to take college credit courses for certification credentials and/or course credit for college transfer. This program is tuition free for students; however, students must pay for associated fees,

books, equipment, and supplies. These extracurricular costs often create a barrier for success. For Example: Cosmetology Kits and Welding Equipment range from \$350-\$950 per year. This grant will pay for Student Scholarships to the RCC Bookstore for Books/Supplies; 5 Cosmetology Kits with 6-7 Mindtap Software Licenses; and Welding Safety Gear for Students to use in Lab.

High School Equivalency Testing Vouchers \$5,500

The primary goal of this project is to provide vouchers for the High School Equivalency Test (HISSET) for up to 100 students. HISSET is one of three tests that students can take to earn their High School Equivalency Diploma. HISSET is the least expensive testing option at \$10 per individual subject test or \$50 total. Unfortunately, this cost is a barrier for many students in Rockingham County. Regulations prohibit the use of state or federal funds for testing fees or vouchers. When a student in the program cannot afford the cost, they are forced to seek outside agencies for assistance. This grant will award vouchers for 500 individual tests (100 total test batteries).

Financial Support for Intercollegiate Athletics \$22,000

Rockingham Community College is celebrating 20 years of intercollegiate athletics as a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The NJCAA is the national governing body of two-year intercollegiate athletic programs. RCC fields two teams – women's volleyball and men's baseball, and competes in Region 10 of the NJCAA.

IN 2017-2018, 22 GRANTS WERE APPROVED FOR 2018-2019 AT \$160,000!

RCC is a Division III athletic institution, meaning it does not grant scholarships for athletics. State funds cannot be used to support athletics. The proposed budget includes \$6,000 for equipment and supplies, \$4,000 for NJCAA dues, \$6,000 for contract services (officials, athletic trainer, etc.), \$6,000 for property insurance.

RCC Foundation Work Study \$15,000

Federal Work Study funds are not sufficient to cover all of the work study applications and departmental requests for positions from faculty and staff. Federal Work Study funds are exhausted before the end of the fiscal year. Students are paid with RCC Foundation Work Study funds when this occurs. This grant will enable RCC to employ more students with Foundation assistance, which will help students earn money toward their education and help faculty/staff have additional work study student support on a year-round basis.

Employee/Public Relations Functions \$15,000

Throughout the year, the college hosts various groups on campus in an effort to keep them informed of college business. These include advisory committees, civic groups, public school personnel, business and industry groups, among others. These functions are often held in conjunction with a meal or snacks. The college also hosts events for faculty, staff, and the community in order to enhance employee and public relations. The college is prohibited from using state funds for these functions.

Professional Development for Faculty and Staff \$4,000

Professional development opportunities for faculty and staff contribute to their personal and professional growth. Through face-to-face and online opportunities, faculty and staff are able to gain access to resources that offer expertise, insight, and professional development.

Occupational Extension Course Offerings (ex: plumbing, construction) \$5,700

Occupational Extension courses such as plumbing, construction, and HVAC provide an opportunity for students to receive short-term training in high demand fields. This grant request is designed to assist RCC in developing and increasing the number of short term Tier 1 and 2 training programs and completers needed to meet training needs in the local workforce. This grant will support scholarships, supplies, and equipment for 15 need based students up to \$180/each (scholarships) and \$200/each (supplies and equipment).

Career College \$3,600

Two years ago, RCC partnered with Vocational Rehabilitation to establish an entry-level program for the underserved population. This program provided a foundation for transition into employment or additional coursework. Students in the program worked on reading, math, and computer skills along with hands-on occupational training. Career College is an integrative post-secondary certificate program offered at only a handful

of community colleges. High school graduates with the Occupational Diploma and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities are encouraged to apply. Students must be 18 years old and referred through Vocational Rehabilitation, high school exceptional children teachers and counselors, guidance and transition counselors, social workers and case managers.

Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist Financial Assistance \$5,200

This certificate option prepares individuals for entry level medical office positions with responsibilities in billing and medical reimbursement. To complete the training program, students must complete the CMRS examination offered through the American Billing Association (AMBA). This grant will cover the AMBA study guide and testing fees for up to 20 students at \$260/each. Students will pay their own tuition.

Certified Production Technician \$6,000

The CPT is a nationally industry-recognized credential. The CPT certification process focuses on the core technical competencies of the entry-level production worker and is applicable in all sectors of manufacturing. The program consists of the following individual certificate modules and prepares the student to sit for the four Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) Production Technician certification assessments: Safety, Quality Practices and Measurement, Manufacturing Processes, and Production and Maintenance Awareness. This grant will assist 8 students with their textbooks and assessments. Students will pay their own tuition.



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Art/History Travel Project **\$5,000**

This project is intended to fund travel experiences for students and instructors to a major city in the U.S. for the purpose of studying art and history. Student's knowledge extends far beyond the curriculum as they learn how to plan for traveling such as budget preparation and navigation. Cities frequently selected in past years have been: Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Boston and New Orleans.

Science Club Travel Project **\$5,000**

This project is intended to facilitate student travel and learning for 20-40 students. Students will tour/participate in research stations, parks, and STEM focused research in one of the following destinations: Charleston, S.C.; Great Smoky Mountains; Baltimore, MD; Atlanta, GA; or Central Florida.

Criminal Justice Travel Project **\$2,000**

This project is an educational opportunity to take criminal justice students to Washington, DC. Students will visit numerous museums, the White House, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Mt. Vernon, and many more historical locations. Students will be able to apply concepts taught in numerous criminal justice courses.

Excellence in Teaching Award and Excellence in Staff Service Award **\$3,000**

This grant will provide a monetary award of \$1,000 to a full-time faculty member and \$500 to a part-time faculty member recognized for Excellence in Teaching. A full-time staff member will also be recognized with \$1,000 in addition to a part-time staff member receiving \$500 for Excellence in Staff Service. These recipients will be recognized at the May, 2018 Service Recognition event.

Career Readiness Certification Preparation and Testing Assistance **\$4,000**

RCC has partnered with Rockingham County Economic Development, NC Works, Goodwill Career Centers, Chambers of Commerce and local businesses/industries to become a Certified Work Ready Community. The CRC credential attracts potential industries to Rockingham County. The CRC is divided into 3 tests that cost \$12 each for a total of \$2,700.

High School Equivalency and Adult High School Scholarships **\$2,000**

The primary goal of this project is to bridge High School Equivalency (HSE) and Adult High School (AHS) graduates to the Rockingham Community College curriculum program. One HSE or AHS Graduate will be selected based on his/her essay submission to the Basic Skills staff, HSE test scores, AHS grades, instructor input, and personal interview. (\$1,000 fall/\$1,000 spring)

NC FAST: Income Maintenance Caseworker **\$4,500**

The project goal is to establish the NC FAST program at Rockingham Community College. NC FAST is a partnership between the Dept. of Social Services and N.C. Community Colleges. The program was created to address staff shortages in the Income Maintenance Caseworker positions within DSS agencies statewide, as well as to properly train current and potential staff in the new NC FAST software. Individuals who successfully complete both phases will receive preference when applying for an Income Maintenance Caseworker position with any DSS office in North Carolina.

Eaglemania **\$2,500**

This project is designed to provide on-campus enrichment opportunities for ages 6-17 at an affordable cost during the summer months. Class offerings include: cooking, sewing, horseback riding, musical theatre, robotics, woodworking, tennis, art, fitness and science. The expected outcome is to make a lasting impression on potential future RCC students, to increase the cultural experiences of local students, and to increase the thirst for knowledge in a variety of subjects.

RCC Wellness Activities Program **\$4,000**

The purpose of this grant is to promote RCC employee wellness by providing individual and group wellness activities and seminars in addition to motivational incentives. Healthy employees lead to greater productivity. Funds will be used to support wellness recognition events, instructor costs, incentives, and wellness materials and equipment.

VISTA Professional Development and Recruitment **\$1,000**

RCC hosts four AmeriCorps VISTA positions to assist in capacity building, planning, and increasing educational and financial awareness in Rockingham County. VISTA members are paid at poverty level by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Due to this, sponsor organizations are encouraged to support VISTAs in alternate ways. This grant will support continuing education and other professional development for the recipients.

WE EXPRESS OUR GREATEST APPRECIATION TO OUR LOYAL AND GENEROUS DONORS!

RCC FOUNDATION CONTINUING PROJECTS: \$50,000

RCC Foundation Scholars \$12,000

The RCC Foundation staff met with the local high school Guidance Counselors to review scholarships specific to each high school in addition to the overall scholarship process. For the 2018-19 Foundation Scholars Program, 8 students will be selected for a \$1,500 Scholarship. Four of the students will be current RCC students and four students will be selected from each of the county high schools.

Ambassador Program \$10,000

5 Ambassadors at \$2,000 each

The Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for students who are dedicated to serving and representing Rockingham Community College. Ambassadors provide campus tours and perform duties at various RCC, Foundation, and Community Events. This program allows RCC to showcase its best and brightest talent while engaging these students with external constituent groups.

Historical Collections \$28,000

The Director of Learning Resources, the Executive Director of the RCC Foundation, and their staff take necessary action for the proper housing, classification, preservation, and use of published materials, documents, and related items that are historically significant to Rockingham County and surrounding areas. The RCC Historical Collections is widely used by the community and across the state.

RCC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation offers two types of scholarships: Endowed and General

The minimum donation for an Endowed Scholarship is \$18,000 and can be paid over a 5-year period. The minimum amount for a General Scholarship is \$500. General Scholarships can be awarded one time or over an extended period of time. Benefactors work with the Development Office in creating criteria that match donor intent with qualifying students.

The RCC Scholarship Luncheon, hosted by the RCC Foundation, is held the first Friday in November.

The 28th Annual Scholarship Luncheon on November 3, 2017 honored approximately 400 attendees. Both Endowed and General Scholarship benefactors were paired with their student scholarship recipients for photographs and lunch.



RCC Alumna, Vivian Moore, at Reidsville High School Scholarship Awards Day.



RCC Foundation Past President, Peggy Connolly MacDowell, at McMichael High School Scholarship Awards Day.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN CHANGING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION.

If you know of someone who would like to become a part of the extraordinary legacy of giving:

The RCC Foundation's Scholarship Program

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ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you Rockingham County stakeholders who contributed to the success of the 29th Annual RCC Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament on June 6, 2018. The RCC Foundation extends gratitude to First National Bank as the major sponsor, Micky Westmoreland and Oak Hills Golf Club for assisting with the tournament, Tri-City Automotive for sponsoring the Par 3 holes, and Short Sugars Bar-B-Q for sponsoring the dinner.

To the golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and businesses, please know that your dollars impacted many RCC students by supporting student programs and services.

Thank you for your participation in the 2018 RCC Foundation Golf Benefit Tournament!



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WE APPRECIATE RCC'S STUDENT AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR HARD WORK.



RCC Ambassadors: Lauren Irving and Taeja Pass with
Advisor Laura Jennings

The Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for students who are dedicated to serving and representing Rockingham Community College. Ambassadors provide campus tours and perform duties at various RCC, Foundation, and Community Events. This program allows RCC to showcase their best and brightest talent while engaging these students with external constituent groups.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 30TH ANNUAL
RCC FOUNDATION BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAY 17, 2019

LOCATION:TBA



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CANDIDATE'S FORUM

The Rockingham Community College Foundation, the Rockingham County Education Foundation, and the three Chambers of Commerce hosted the Rockingham County Candidates Forum on Monday, April 30, 2018. Dan Hayes, Director of Development at Averett University, served as the moderator. The evening began with a reception at 5:00 pm followed by opening statements, Q & A, and closing remarks from the nineteen candidates vying for the following offices: Board of Education At-Large; U.S. House of Representatives-District 6 (Democrat)/N.C. House of Representatives-District 65 (Democrat); Sheriff (Republican)/District Attorney-District 22 (Republican)/ Board of Commissioners (Republican). President Kinlaw educated the audience on the Rockingham County Sales and Use Tax Referendum and the positive impact it would have on RCC and the Rockingham County workforce.

LEADERSHIP ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham Community College, Eden Chamber of Commerce, Reidsville Chamber of Commerce, and Western Rockingham Chamber of Commerce kicked off Leadership Rockingham 2018-19 in September at the St. Francis Prayer Center in Stoneville. Leadership Rockingham has a rich history in our community graduating over 20 classes of business leaders. This program began in 1996 with seed money from Duke Energy. Over time, it has changed and developed according to the needs of the community. Leadership Rockingham is a multi-dimensional program that is designed to identify individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the community through service and have the ability to assume expanded responsibilities. This leadership opportunity provides participants with activities and experiences throughout Rockingham County.

Leadership Rockingham planning meeting



ESSAY CONTEST

The RCC Foundation Community Relations, Organization and Development Committee organized the RCC Foundation Student Essay Contest. The topic for the contest was "What is your most meaningful experience at Rockingham Community College." The essay was open to all full time and part time students. Early College students were not eligible due to their free tuition. The winning prizes were: \$500 for 1st place, \$350 for 2nd place and \$250 for 3rd place. Students submitted essays December-February which resulted in 19 entries. The essay winners are highlighted on the website and featured in the local media.

1st Place: Margaret Peele

2nd Place: Amanda Dunlap

3rd Place: Kathy Baker



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 22ND ANNUAL RCC FOUNDATION RECOGNITION GALA OCTOBER 3, 2019

A large crowd of Rockingham Community College Foundation friends gathered at Pennrose Park Country Club for the 20th Annual “Southern Charm-Evening of Recognition Gala.” Guests were greeted and escorted by the RCC Baseball Team to the magnolia and parasol-filled raffle room displaying southern culture and charm. RCC friends were able to select fun props and hop into the “Photo Booth” creating photo strip memoirs from the evening. Jazz entertainment by the Penn Family created a festive atmosphere. RCC Student Ambassador, Tyler Bruins, and RCC Baseball Player, Sam Murphy, delivered outstanding presentations about their student experiences at Rockingham Community College. The RCC Student Ambassador Program and the RCC Intercollegiate Athletic Program are funded through the RCC Foundation.

The highlight of the evening came when the Foundation recognized those who had faithfully supported the Foundation’s mission of service to RCC students, faculty, staff, and the community. The Corporate Benefactor Award was presented to Carolina Apothecary. Carolina Apothecary is the largest pharmacy and home medical equipment business in Rockingham County employing over 100 people. Both Susan and Arnold Britt have served on the RCC Foundation Board, qualified as Talon Donors, and played an instrumental role in the RCC Civic Center Campaign serving as Campaign Chairs with their lead gift. In addition, they volunteered and served as RCC Foundation Annual Giving Campaign Volunteers for the City of Reidsville and continue to support the Annual RCC Foundation Golf Tournament and Gala. Their support of college initiatives, programs and services over the years have played a pivotal role in the success of RCC.

Always and Forever Florist staff received the Small Business Benefactor Award. The Small Business Benefactor Award is designed to honor those who provide exceptional support to the College and the Foundation. Carol Mills has put more time in decorating the college for special events; open houses; graduations; presidential installations; scholarship luncheons; and Galas than most people have spent attending. Her willingness to put things aside and assist when needed speaks volumes of her character, work ethic, and passion to serve her community. She chairs the Annual Giving Campaign for the Madison area and serves as Vice President of Resource Development on the RCC Foundation Board. The Always and Forever staff

have a selfless attitude. Their caring and giving nature touches everyone around them. They support many organizations and agencies within the Rockingham County community and have remained loyal donors to RCC.

The Friends of RCC Award is chosen for individuals who have remained loyal and generous donors over the test of time. With sadness and honor, the Friends of RCC Award was presented posthumously to Shirley Rakestraw Joyce and Steve and Alice Smith.

ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION GALA

Accepting the award for Shirley Rakestraw Joyce, was nephew, Charles Rakestraw. Mrs. Joyce graduated from Stoneville High School in 1954 before beginning her career at American Tobacco Company. Though Mrs. Joyce had no children of her own, she had 14 nieces and nephews whom she considered her own. Mrs. Joyce saw the value in several of her nephews attending RCC, furthering their education and propelling them into successful careers. Mrs. Joyce realized RCC’s strong values as she and her brother, Garland Rakestraw, would often discuss the importance of the RCC Foundation’s Annual Giving Campaign. These realizations helped Shirley understand RCC’s value in the community and led Shirley to be a huge advocate for RCC, graciously supporting the RCC Foundation for many years. Mrs. Joyce left a generous gift to RCC in her estate including a \$255,000 Endowment. In addition, Mrs. Joyce’s estate gift provided much needed unrestricted dollars to benefit the greatest needs of the college. She also supported the renovation of the new N. Jerry Owens Health Sciences Building with the ED Nursing Trauma Unit named in her memory.

Edward and Aimee Smith Tilley, children of Steve and Alice, accepted their award. We tragically lost Alice and Steve in such a short amount of time. Alice had just committed to return to the RCC Foundation Board and Steve had just attended last year’s Gala before he became ill. Both Steve and Alice provided critical support to students, the RCC

Foundation, and the College for many years. They spent countless hours of volunteerism. They demonstrated their commitment to the Foundation and College projects through the years along with significant contributions to the Civic Center Campaign; Endowed Scholarships; and Annual Giving Campaigns. Steve and Alice each had their own Endowed Scholarship.





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THE DONOR HONOR ROLL

The Rockingham Community College Foundation Board, Board of Trustees, students, faculty, and staff acknowledge the generous donations of alumni, friends, foundations, organizations, churches, businesses, and estates. Without you, RCC would not flourish. Listed are names of the donors during the RCC Annual Giving Campaign July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.

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The Foundation Club recognizes donors who have given \$1000 or more between July 1, 2017 & June 30, 2018.

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The President's Club recognizes donors who have given from \$500-\$999 between July 1, 2017 & June 30, 2018.

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