



## Duke Energy Grant Benefits ACC's Haw River Riparian Buffer and Provides Educational Opportunities

The Alamance Community College Foundation was awarded a grant to improve local water quality, quantity and conservation. The grant funded a native prairie outdoor viewing platform and is financing the restoration of a native prairie on campus land designated as flood plain. Through the creation of a native Piedmont prairie, ACC will develop an enhanced filtering system for rainwater and flood waters passing over and through this land resulting in reduced sediment and pollution into the Haw River. A prairie trail will be signposted with information about the benefits of native prairie for supporting the health of the river.



*Outdoor classroom viewing platform*

Horticulture students have sown native seeds several times but have been thwarted in establishing the prairie thus far due to ill-timed flooding. It may take a few years to get the prairie fully established.

Ornamental grasses will be planted in late spring around the observation deck. Work on paths, signage and benches will proceed as weather permits. The viewing platform and prairie will be used by ACC and ABSS faculty and students for instructional and leisure activities.

The prairie and platform will be open to the public in order to increase awareness about protecting the Haw River. It will serve as a model for those wishing to create environmentally sensitive river buffers.

For more information about the project contact [Carolyn.Rhode@alamancecc.edu](mailto:Carolyn.Rhode@alamancecc.edu)

## New members of the ACC Foundation Board of Directors



**The Alamance Community College Foundation is pleased to announce five new board members whose terms began January 1, 2021.**

Susan Ezekiel, CPA

Rachel D. Hughes, SHRM-CP

Martha Krall

Brendle Leggett

Faculty Liaison: Glenda Yount

President and Managing Partner, Cobb, Ezekiel Loy & Company, P.A.

Human Resources Operations Manager, Walmart Distribution Center

Retired from public service

Staffing Manager, Prime Personnel Resources, Inc.

English Instructor, Alamance Community College

## News from the ACC Family

### Congratulations to:

- Amanda Albright, Financial Aid Specialist, on her retirement in August 2020.
- Sheila Street, Library Director, on her retirement in December 2020.
- Rosemarie Chance, Nursing instructor, on her retirement in December 2020.
- Carol Yavelak, Student Services assistant, on her retirement in December 2020.
- Gene Perry, Law Enforcement In-Service Training Coordinator, on his retirement in January 2021.
- Marian Anders, English instructor, on her recent engagement to John Marley.
- Sarah Vetter, ACC Webmaster, and her fiancé Stewart Sineath, on their wedding in January.

### Condolences to:

- The family of Tara Kanady, ACC Nursing instructor, who passed away on August 5.
- Lorri Chestnutt, ACC Facilities Coordinator, on the passing of her father, William Chestnutt, Jr., on August 26.
- Betsy Adams, ACC retiree, on the passing of her husband, Richard, on August 29.
- Jeff Webster, former Career College instructor, on the passing of his father, Robert Webster, on October 30.
- Muriel "Red" Freeland, ACC Disabilities Services assistant, on the passing of her granddaughter, Amber Freeland, on November 1.
- Remona Beagle, ACC retiree, on the passing of her mother, Eula Gregory, on November 11.
- The family of A.E. "Red" Sykes, Jr., ACC retiree, who passed away on December 8.
- Brian Barringer, ACC Single Stop coordinator, on the passing of his mother, Sue Ring Barringer, on January 2.
- Jill Davis, ACC Executive Administrative Assistant, on the passing of her father, Ron James, on January 3.
- The family of Sheila Bisette, Senior Administrative Assistant, Corporate Education, on her passing January 5.
- Wendy Jennings, ACC Foundation office assistant, on the passing of her father, Billy Patton, on January 6.
- The family of Ginger Sparks, former English instructor, on her passing on January 8.

### 2021 Student Ambassador Phonathon

Due to NC COVID-19 guidelines, ACC Ambassadors will be unable to gather to call ACC Alumni and Friends. But we will persevere!

During the month of February, we will be reaching out to ACC Alumni and Friends through social media, mail and phone calls.

To make a donation visit [www.accfoundation.com](http://www.accfoundation.com). To email a pledge, contact [Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu](mailto:Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu).

*We count on you to help ACC students!*



We are now accepting nominations for the 2021 ACC Alumni Awards.

To nominate an ACC Alumnus/a, visit [www.ACCfoundation.com](http://www.ACCfoundation.com)  
Nominations are due by April 12, 2021.

For questions or to request a nomination form, contact [Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu](mailto:Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu)