

Enroll NOW for Summer and Fall!

Priority registration is now open for Summer and Fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, April 1

Registration opens for New, Non-degree Seeking, and New CCP Students, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Deadline for Summer 2022 Graduation Applications

Friday, April 8

Deadline for Summer 2022 Financial Aid Document

Wednesday, May 11

Open Registration (Summer and Fall) with Faculty Advisors

Tuesday, May 17

Payment Deadline for Summer Registrations

Wednesday, May 18

Summer Classes Begin for 8-week & 1st 5-week Sessions

Wednesday, June 22

Classes Begin for 2nd 5-week Sessions

Visit alamancecc.edu/admissions for the application process.

Call **336-506-4270** for virtual and phone advising appointments.

**REGISTER NOW—
CLASSES ARE FILLING
FAST!**



Guests were invited to sign their names to the final steel beam just before it was raised into place.

College Marks Placement of Final Beam on Biotechnology Center of Excellence

\$19.4 Million Facility Set to Open Next Fall

The College held a ceremonial beam-signing and raising ceremony on March 1 to celebrate the placement of the final structural steel girder for the Biotechnology Center of Excellence, under construction on the campus and visible from Interstate 85/40.

The \$19.4 million Center of Excellence, slated to open in late fall 2022, will be a freestanding, three-story, 32,000 square foot structure, housing a mix of labs and classroom space serving the Biotechnology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Histotechnology and Agricultural-Biotechnology programs. The Center is projected to become an important component in Alamance County because Burlington is the #1 Small Metropolitan Area in the nation for health diagnostics and testing. Further, biosciences job growth is expected to grow exponentially over the next decade.

ACC's Biotechnology program, begun in 1985, is the oldest two-year program of its kind in the nation.

College administrators and trustees, elected officials, and business leaders attended the in-person ceremony while observing OSHA safety regulations.

"This building will expand our ability to provide workforce development, education and training to undergird a rapidly growing field of science," said ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood in prepared remarks. "We could not have done this without the people of Alamance County who voted yes in large numbers back in 2018 to fund this project."

Among the special guests were Thomas Stith, President of the NC Community College System; Senator Amy Galey, NC State



Thomas Stith, NC Community College System President

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RTP Company Partners with ACC to Fund Histotechnology Lab

ACC received a generous donation from Foundation Medicine in Research Triangle Park to support the establishment of a new Histotechnology laboratory in the upcoming Biotechnology Center of Excellence.

The \$19.4 million, 32,000 square foot Center of Excellence, currently under construction on the main campus, will feature a mix of laboratory and classroom space for the College's Biotechnology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Histotechnology and Agricultural-Biotechnology programs.

Since 2010, Foundation Medicine in Research Triangle Park has partnered with researchers, biopharma, and advocacy organizations to validate the use of genomic testing in clinical care, drive awareness among patients and physicians, and ultimately support broader access for patients.

Because of its significant donation to ACC, Foundation Medicine has been granted naming rights for the Histotechnology

laboratory support space which, along with the rest of the Center, is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2022.

"We are honored to have forged this synergetic partnership with Alamance Community College and are eager to provide a state-of-the-art instructional space for future Histotechnologists to hone their skills," said Sara Beckloff, RTP Site Head and Senior Director, Laboratory Operations. "Additionally, we look forward to building a successful internship program with ACC to not only help students build and perfect the right skills as they prepare to begin their career paths, but also foster advancements in the field of biotechnology."

"Partnerships with pioneering companies like Foundation Medicine are instrumental in helping us launch new programs to build industry expertise and talent, and drive innovation," said ACC President Dr. Algje Gatewood.

Most High School Graduates Eligible for Free Tuition at ACC

North Carolina high school graduates who earned a diploma in 2020, 2021, or 2022 are eligible to receive state grant funds to attend Alamance Community College or any of the 58 community colleges for free in summer or fall 2022 semesters.

The NC Community College System's Longleaf Commitment grant covers tuition and fees for eligible high school graduates for up to two years. The grant – not a loan – provides students between \$700 and \$2,800 per academic year toward a degree or to attain transfer credit.

Said Dr. Lisa Johnson, Vice President of Instruction at Alamance Community College: "We look forward to assisting high-school graduates and their parents as they navigate this process. This is an opportunity to graduate from college, debt-free, with a degree that allows graduates to be employed in high-demand professions that serve our state's communities."

Eligibility Requirements for the Longleaf Commitment Grant include:

- Graduate from a North Carolina high school in 2020, 2021, or 2022. High School Equivalency completers such as GED, HiSET, and Adult High School are also eligible.
- Be a first-time college student, including Career & College Promise (CCP) and Early College.
- Enroll in at least 6 credit hours per semester in a curriculum program during the 2021-22 academic year or the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year.
- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from \$0-\$15,000. EFC is based upon a student's FAFSA determination.
- Renew the FAFSA for the 2022-23 academic years and meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the college.

Students may apply now at www.CFNC.org and click "Apply for College" to begin the enrollment process. Students may also contact the Student Success Office at Alamance Community College directly at 336-506-4270.



Mark Gordon (left) was sworn in as an ACC trustee by Alamance County District Court Judge Larry Brown on February 14 in the college boardroom.

ARMC President Sworn In as New ACC Trustee

Mark Gordon, President of Alamance Regional Medical Center, was sworn in on February 14 as the newest member of the Alamance Community College Board of Trustees. Gordon is filling out the unexpired term vacated by Craig Thompson.

Gordon has been President of Alamance Regional Medical Center and a senior vice president with Cone Health since April 2020. He came to Alamance County after serving as CEO of Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Over more than 30 years, his career has provided experience as head of various medical facilities, including a tenure at Duke University Health System.

Gordon earned his Bachelor of Science degree in health policy administration from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and his Master of Health Services from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. There he was a Foster G. McGaw Scholar. His postgraduate studies include executive education in health care delivery at Harvard University's School of Business and Wake Forest University.

ACC Students Nominated for State Community College Awards

Three high-achieving students are Alamance Community College's nominees for state awards sponsored by the NC Community College System.

2022 Academic Excellence Award Recipient



Logan White, 21, of Mebane, is on track to earn an Associate in Science degree this spring. She never intended to enroll in a community college but the pandemic changed her plans for a career in the performing arts. Logan says enrolling at ACC was one of the best decisions she ever made. Over the past two years, she has seized new opportunities: participating in coding and cybersecurity competitions with the campus IT (Information Technology) Club,

pursuing independent research through the Honors program, and becoming a NASA Community College Aerospace Scholar. While Logan is grateful for the opportunity to gain intellectual knowledge, her time at ACC has also taught her to manage time and responsibility, and to find balance between work and rest.

Logan plans to transfer to a four-year institution next fall to major in computer science and physics, confident that her time at ACC has prepared her for a future in academics and beyond.

2022 Dallas Herring Achievement Award



Jeffery McClure, 20, of Mebane, is a first-generation college student who enrolled at ACC to pursue his career goal of becoming a high school English teacher. Managing his time on campus is important as Jeffery works part-time to provide for his family and care for a chronically ill parent. While pursuing an associate of arts degree, Jeffery has obtained his substitute teacher and assistant teacher certifications to better prepare for his career. His

interest in a teaching career was sparked when he took an independent study during his senior year of high school as a teacher aid. He worked alongside struggling students and helped them learn the importance of effectively expressing themselves through writing. As a teacher aid, he gained important skillsets and a new perspective that led him to his career choice.

At ACC, Jeffery has explored various teaching methods to better engage students. Through a variety of courses, he has learned how language serves as a bridge that stretches beyond cultures to bring individuals together to share personal stories.

2022 Governor Robert Scott Leadership Award

Ruth Mann, 18, of Burlington, is a graduate of home schooling who completed her high school experience as a College and Career Promise (CCP) student. She will earn her associate in



arts degree this spring two years earlier than most of her peers. This year Ruth has served as a Student Ambassador, partnered with the Relay for Life Luminary event, and provided campus tours while representing the College and students at public events. As Chair of the Executive Board for the Student Government Association, Ruth uses her platform to advocate for her peers, recruit other students for ACC leadership opportunities, and strategize

ways to get students engaged and connected. As a member of the College's Board of Trustees and liaison for students, Ruth develops and presents monthly reports, updating the board and administrators on student involvement. Ruth delivered a speech on behalf of ACC students during a groundbreaking ceremony for the College's new Student Services Building in which state representatives, county commissioners, and community members were present.

Ruth will graduate from ACC in May of 2022 and plans to transfer to a North Carolina university to study psychology and criminal justice.



Celebrating Truliant's donation to the ACC Food Pantry were (from left): Robbie Hurdle, Truliant Financial Center Manager (new Graham branch); Brian Barringer, ACC Single Stop Coordinator; Tracy Blethen, ACC Business Office and ACC student; Carolyn Rhode, Executive Director of the ACC Foundation; Ilona Owens, Director of ACC Student Success; Atticus Simpson, Truliant Director of Community Engagement and Government Affairs.

Truliant Donates to ACC's Food Pantry

Alamance Community College received a \$5,000 donation from Truliant Bank of Graham to support its food pantry for students in need.

Truliant was named the College's 2021 Business Partner of the Year in December for its unique partnership with ACC, philanthropy to the ACC Foundation, and support of students.

The Alamance Community College Foundation facilitated the donation.



Fire Protection Program Ranked in Top Ten Nationally

ACC has been ranked ninth in the Top 10 Online Associate's in Fire Science Degrees for 2022 by Online Schools Guide.

ACC's online Associate in Applied Science in Fire Protection Technology is a stackable degree program. Students earning the 15-credit certificate take the same classes as the degree students. After earning a certificate, students can earn a 33-credit diploma and then a 63-credit associate's degree. Designed to save time and money, this stackable fire safety program provides a guided degree path for the student.

In addition to the online Associate's degree, ACC offers three online certificate programs in Fire Protection, Fire Inspections, and Fire Protection Management.

According to the website, the Online Schools Guide editors ranked schools offering online or hybrid associate degrees in Fire Science based on cost, reputation, and future salary. "Alamance Community College's program is a fine addition to the country's quality online associates of fire science degrees," stated Online Schools Guide on its website.

For seasoned firefighters, an associate's degree in Fire Science can open up higher-tiered jobs within their local fire departments, such as a captain or a deputy fire chief. Firefighters can also become a manager of the customer-facing side of the fire department that deals with customer support and services.



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Alamance County state elected officials who attended the beam-signing event were (from left) State Rep. Ricky Hurtado, NC State Senator Amy Gale, State Rep. Dennis Riddell, with ACC President Algie Gatewood.

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Senate, District 24; Rep. Ricky Hurtado and Rep. Dennis Riddell, NC State House; and John Paisley, Chair of the Alamance County Board of Commissioners.

"This Center of Excellence building exemplifies the spirit of the North Carolina Community College System," said Thomas Stith, President of the NC Community College System. "Today's beam signing event is a capstone for what we're seeing in our state, and the role that the North Carolina Community College System will play in our future economic development and growth, and the role we play in North Carolina's job engine."

The event concluded with nearly all guests signing the steel beam before a crane lifted the final girder to workers atop the framework who secured it into place.



Construction crew workers secured the beam into place atop the three-story framework.