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ALAMANCE PROMISE



Alamance Community College has introduced a new initiative called *Alamance Promise* that ensures all students with financial need can afford a two-year education.

With Alamance Promise, the ACC Foundation will provide donated funds to bridge the gap as a “last-dollar” scholarship to fully pay for tuition and fees not covered by federal Pell grants, the Longleaf Commitment grant, and other public funding. In many cases, textbook and supply costs will be covered. ACC’s Financial Aid Office and the ACC Foundation are partnering with the Alamance

Promise pilot program to ensure qualifying students can complete a credential without fear of financial hardships curtailing their educational ambitions.

“This is about addressing the belief gap in our community, about letting families know that college is attainable for their children and for themselves, that they can believe a college education is within reach,” said ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood. “Alamance Promise will enhance enrollment and increase retention. This is also about making certain that educational attainment for our underserved populations does not end with a high school diploma.”

“Through Alamance Promise, the ACC Foundation may pay for supplemental needs such as licensure exams or the cost of field trips, as well as short-term assistance such as housing costs, utilities or childcare,” said Carolyn Rhode, Executive Director of the ACC Foundation. “These are costs not normally covered by state and federal grants.”

Said Dr. Lisa Johnson, Vice President of Instruction, “Alamance Promise will assist incoming students, no matter their age or program interest, to graduate from college debt-free with credentials that allow graduates to be employed in high-demand professions that serve our state’s communities. The guarantee of Alamance Promise provides us with the tools to help students achieve their dreams.”

To support the Alamance Promise visit <https://givebutter.com/AlamancePromise>

To apply for support from Alamance Promise, go to www.alamancecc.edu/alamance-promise.

Question? Contact Carolyn.Rhode@alamancecc.edu or 336-506-4128.

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News from the ACC Family

Congratulations to:

- Rodney Ellis, ACC Instructor, on his retirement in May.
- Ervin Allen, ACC Small Business Center Director, on his retirement in June.
- Natalie Miles, ACC Foundation, on her retirement in July.

Condolences to:

- The family of Billie Jones, ACC retiree, who passed away on April 15.
- The family of Ann Couch, ACC retiree, who passed away on May 19.
- Brad Harmon, ACCF Board Member, whose father, Sonny, passed away on June 8.

Long time ACC Foundation Employee Retires



Natalie Miles

Natalie Miles, Special Projects Coordinator, is retiring after 31 years of service. Natalie came to ACC in 1991, originally working part-time in the Literacy program. After a few years she began working full-time in the Advancement Office.

In that time, she has overseen one of the most outstanding ambassador programs in North Carolina, working with nearly 300 student ambassadors. Through ambassador phonathons and other efforts, such as FundFest, she has been directly responsible for approximately \$1 million in donations.

For the past 18 years, she has been the Special Projects Coordinator for the Foundation and the College. She has managed various events, such as the Donor/Recipient reception involving more than 200 guests, the annual Celebration of Excellence at the Alamance Country Club, and even multiple 5Ks.

In 2015, Natalie was instrumental in starting the ACC Alumni Council, made up of 20 ACC graduates of various ages and programs. She also oversees the Dividend quarterly newsletter, is the primary liaison for the ACC Foundation website, and manages all honor/memorial communications on behalf of donors. Congratulations Natalie on a great career!

Faculty / Staff Grant: ACC Food Pantry

This past spring, the ACC Foundation provided support to the ACC Food Pantry. In part, funds were used to develop a campus community garden. The garden has provided service-learning opportunities for Career College Horticulture students and the Horticulture program's Irrigation class. Through the process, Advertising and Graphic Design and Computer-Aided Drafting program students were provided Work-Based Learning opportunities to apply their curriculum knowledge for garden-specific projects.

The project has had multiple successes in educating the campus about food insecurity and providing greater access to fresh food. A Pizza Plant Giveaway was held during ACC Spring Fling. This event was a signature event designed to address immediate hunger and offer a sustainable anti-hunger component.

During the Spring Fling, volunteer students served pizza to 104 students as well as provided 168 students with plants, planting instructions, and recipes enabling students to make pizza over the summer while away from campus. Thanks donors for helping us provide innovative grants.



ACC students working in garden