

## ACC Beneficiary of \$1 Million LabCorp Gift

Alamance Community College is the beneficiary of a \$1 million in-kind contribution from LabCorp Inc.

LabCorp's board agreed to set aside \$1 million of its purchasing power to provide the College with equipment, supplies, and ensure training, service, and maintenance for ACC's Biotechnology, Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT), Histotechnology, and Agricultural-Biotechnology labs. That gift has already resulted in new equipment.

LabCorp and ACC anticipate that the largest portion of the gift will be used to outfit the College's planned Biotechnology and Life Science Center of Excellence facility, a \$9.1 million, 30,000 square-foot building funded through the \$39.6 million bond approved by voters last November.

During an official ceremony on January 28, ACC administrators and trustees welcomed the gift.

"This gift is important because LabCorp's buying power will help the College acquire expensive equipment that likely would not otherwise be possible," said ACC President Algie Gatewood. "LabCorp's commitment to us exemplifies the types of successful partnerships that exist between local industry and Alamance Community College."



LabCorp CEO David King (left) and ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood sign documents during the public ceremony.

The partnership between LabCorp and Alamance Community College spans several decades. The two industry partners collaborated to launch ACC's Biotechnology program in 1985, Medical Laboratory Technology in 1988, and now Histotechnology in 2018.

Combined, those nationally recognized programs have produced nearly

700 graduates, not the least of which is Biotechnology, the oldest continually operating two-year program of its kind in the U.S.

Prior to this commitment, LabCorp has contributed nearly \$700,000 in unrestricted giving to the ACC Foundation, in addition to endowments and gifts.

## ACC Looks Toward Growth After Voters Approve Bond

Alamance Community College's \$39.6 million bond resolution was overwhelmingly approved by voters 66% to 34% in November 2018.

"We are moving forward in a game-changing way now that we have passed the largest bond measure in the history of this College," said ACC President Algie Gatewood. "It's wonderful to have such community support in that the bond passed in every single precinct in Alamance County."

That means ACC has the community's support to provide workforce development training to undergird 21st century employer demands, particularly in the areas of healthcare, business, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The College will further provide state-of-the-art student support services that will enhance the student retention, graduation and

success of students as well as the college's achievement of its workforce development mission.

Here's what you can expect to see happening on the campus over the next few years:

- Biotechnology Life Science Center of Excellence, New Labs & Classrooms, Renovations
- Public Safety Training Center (off campus site)
- New Student Services Learning and Development Center
- Modernize Instructional Spaces/Expand Campus Technology
- Expand/Upfit Child Care Facility
- Satellite Campus Locations in Mebane and Burlington Areas
- Multi-deck Student/Visitor Vehicle Center

# Governor Touts Student Assistance Program at ACC

NC Governor Roy Cooper made a stop at Alamance Community College in January to conduct a roundtable discussion with students who have benefited from the new Finish Line Grants program.

The Finish Line Grants program helps community college students who face unforeseen financial emergencies to complete their training. Bills submitted for payment may include automobile repairs or insurance, utility bills, unexpected medical bills, childcare expenses, and course materials. Each student recipient is limited to \$1,000 per semester and must have completed at least 50% of their degree or credential program.

ACC was among the first community colleges to kick



Governor Roy Cooper makes remarks during a press conference in the College's Advanced Applied Technology Center as Peter Hans, President of the NC Community College System, and ACC President Algie Gatewood listen.

off its Finish Line Grants program last fall and approximately 20 students have been helped with nearly \$12,100 awarded.

The College has partnered with the Workforce Develop-

ment Board and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act staff to establish a joint process for reviewing and awarding funding requests from students.

Governor Cooper held court

at a roundtable conversation with five ACC students, three of whom have benefited financially from the Finish Line Grants program, allowing them to remain in classes. The roundtable was held in the Computer-Integrated Machining lab inside the Advanced Applied Technology Center (AATC) on the college campus.

Both Governor Cooper and NC Community College System President Peter Hans, who also attended the roundtable, praised ACC's leadership for helping students stay in school. Student retention and completion are vital to the College's workforce development mission.



# ACC Names LabCorp 2018 Business Partner of the Year

Laboratory Corporation of America, Inc. (LabCorp) was named ACC's 2018 Business Partner of the Year. The ACC Foundation made the announcement during the annual Public Officials and Business and Industry Leaders Breakfast in December. Don Von Hagen, Vice President of Corporate Communications, accepted the award on behalf of LabCorp.

A financial supporter of ACC for 35 years, LabCorp is the College's first repeat winner of this award. LabCorp's contributions to the College are significant:

LabCorp provides volunteers throughout the College, including for the ACC Medical Lab Technology (MLT) advisory committee. LabCorp's employees provide insights and guidance which help the MLT program maintain its 30 years of success. Recently, LabCorp helped establish and expand critical MLT clinical rotation areas that are crucial for ACC students to graduate.

LabCorp is helping ACC to launch its new program to train Histotechnology technicians. Histotechnology is the scientific discipline that studies organs and tissues of the body, including their preparation for viewing under a microscope.

At least 100 ACC graduates currently work at LabCorp and hundreds more have benefitted from ongoing training provided by ACC.

In addition to 35 consecutive years of donations to the ACC Foundation totaling millions for everything from student scholarships to equipment for its lab based programs, LabCorp has continued to show a deep commitment to supporting the College for years to come, and it will play an important role in the development of the new Biotechnology Center of Excellence facility that will be constructed through recently approved education bond for ACC.



Don Von Hagen, Vice President of Corporate Communications at LabCorp (left), with Teresa Mansfield, Director of Corporate Community Affairs at LabCorp.

# ACC Becomes Siemens PLM Software Academic Program Partner

ACC and Siemens PLM Software announced in late 2018 a new partnership that results in 175 seats of software that will give students access to the same technology that companies around the world depend on every day to develop innovative products in a wide variety of industries.

Graduates with this type of software training are highly-recruited candidates for advanced technology jobs.

The software provided to ACC by the Siemens PLM Software academic program delivers technology at every academic level:

- Solid Edge™ software, for all aspects of product creation including 3D design, simulation, visualization, manufacturing, and design management
- NX® software, for computer-aided design, manufacturing and engineering
- Tecnomatix® portfolio, the industry-leading digital manufacturing software
- "One cannot limit the value of this grant...because the true benefit reaches the life of every student who touches the software provided by Siemens," said James Adkins, Computer Aided Drafting Department Head.
- A demonstration of the Siemens PLM software was held in November in ACC's Advanced Applied Technology Center (AATC). Remarks were offered by ACC President Algie Gatewood and Ryan Theeck, Siemens Product Lifecycle Management.



Ryan Theeck, Siemens Products Lifecycle Management, announces the new partnership with ACC during a December briefing. At left, Siemens PLM Software demo in ACC's Advanced Applied Technology Center.

## ACC President Awarded Prestigious Honor by NCSU

ACC President Algie Gatewood received the NC State College of Education's 2018 I.E. Ready Distinguished Leader Award, which recognizes alumni with distinguished careers with the North Carolina Community College System.



Dr. Gatewood was presented the award last November during the Dallas Herring Lecture at the college's Friday Institute for Educational Innovation.

Serving as president of ACC since 2013, Dr. Gatewood opened the Advanced Applied Technology Center on the college campus in 2017, which houses five dynamic and high-tech programs.

He has also partnered with two local advanced manufacturers, GKN and Sandvik, to design and launch a Mechatronics Engineering Technology program that is equipping Alamance residents with new high-tech skills. The Career Accelerator Program (CAP) supports the mechatronics program by providing a direct pathway into local manufacturing jobs.

The I.E. Ready Award honors the memory and legacy of I.E. Ready, who served as the first leader of the North Carolina Community College System and was a professor emeritus with NC State's Adult and Community College Education program.

## ACC Named Military Friendly for Ninth Straight Year

ACC was named a 2018-2019 Military Friendly® School for the ninth consecutive year, receiving a Bronze designation for having programs that scored within 40 percent of the 10th-ranked institution within a given category. ACC's final rating was determined by combining the school's survey scores with the assessment of ACC's ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree or advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans. "Between 2016 and 2018 the College has made great strides to become a military friendly college," said Feleta Morton, VA Coordinator at ACC. Among these are:

- Priority registration for Veterans.
- Designated Military Veteran parking spaces.
- A licensed Veterans Center counselor available once a month for confidential counseling.
- The Mobile Veteran Center comes to ACC main campus once a month for counseling and general questions.
- ACC's VA Coordinator Morton attends monthly Veteran Connect meetings in Burlington and Mebane in order to learn more about resources for veterans.
- ACC is a member of the NC Association of Coordinators of Veterans Affairs, where Morton serves as Mentorship Chair on its Executive Board.



## ACC Foundation Welcomes Three New Board Members

Three new members joined the 32-member ACC Foundation Board in January 2019. They are: (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) Trustee Liaison Senator Tony Foriest, Tab Joyce of Sandvik Coromant, and Faculty Liaison Marian Anders. Flanking the new members in the above photo are (left) Fairfax Reynolds, ACC Foundation Board President, and (right) Carolyn Rhode, Executive Director of the ACC Foundation.

## Winters Joins ACC Trustees Board

Cynthia Winters, an appointee of N.C. Governor Roy Cooper to fill a seat on the Alamance Community College Board of Trustees, was sworn in January 14.

A graduate of Walter Williams High School in Burlington, Winters earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1978, and later took accounting courses at Elon University. She has worked since 2004 at Pinnacle



Financial Partners, and currently holds the position of Vice President-Financial Advisor. Previous employment includes RBC Centura and Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.

Winters' community service activity includes United Way of Alamance County Board of Directors (since 2016); volunteering at Alamance Burlington Schools System; Burlington Recreation and Parks Commission, 1997-2010; Alamance Regional Medical Center Strategic Planning Committee; and committee participation at Jeffries Cross Baptist Church.



## Girls Take Over Tech in the AATC

**Girls Take Over Tech 2019** brought young women to ACC's Advanced Applied Technology Center (AATC) to encourage them to enter STEM fields that can lead to industrial careers. The open house on January 2 gave the middle and high school students an opportunity to participate in demonstrations in the fields of Welding Technology, Computer-Integrated Machining, Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Heating and Air and Automotive Systems Technology. The ACC Foundation coordinated the National Science Foundation-funded event.



## ACC Hosted 'Community Connections' Showcase Event

ACC hosted a fall showcase—Transitions Through Community Connections—that spotlighted disability employment opportunities in Alamance County.

"The idea for this event is to promote awareness, demonstrate the connection within the community, and highlight the college's involvement in helping students become contributing members of Alamance County," said Yonnie Butler, Executive Director of ACC's Center of Excellence. "We want to promote the integration and acceptance of differences in our community."

The College partnered with two agencies which, like ACC, diligently support persons with disabilities: Orange Enterprises and Vocational Rehabilitation. Also supporting the event was Alamance County Occupational Extension and the Mayor's Office for the City of Burlington. Speakers at the event included Julie Scott Emmons, ACC trustee and District Director for Congressman Mark Walker; Trudie Hughes, Education Program Administrator for the NC Community College System; Alma Taylor, Regional Director of the NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services; and Margaret Samuels, CEO/President of OE Enterprises, Inc.





## See The Return On Your Investment



### Honoring Beloved Parents Through a Generous Donation to the Alamance Community College Foundation

Jim and Osie Jones were lifelong partners who served God and their community. About 1950, Jim Jones was one of a select few from North Carolina chosen to learn about the first automatic transmissions at General Motors in Detroit. Instructors there were impressed by his aptitude for engineering and mathematics despite a limited formal education.

As a result of this training, Jim and Osie Jones opened and operated Jim Jones Motors in Burlington for more than 30 years. The company grew by its reputation for excellence and integrity, serving clients in Alamance and surrounding counties.

Last fall, Jim and Osie's daughter Betty Jones Caines, a 1960 graduate of Walter Williams High School, sought a way to honor the memory and legacy of her parents. She contacted the Alamance Community College Foundation to inquire about establishing a scholarship in their names. The result is the creation of the James M. and Osie Dunan Jones Scholarship for students enrolled in the University Transfer Associate in Engineering program at ACC.

*In addition to being a wonderful and generous daughter, Betty knows how to give strategically. The \$25,000 scholarship was funded by a portion of her Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA.*

Making this kind of difference can be easy. As Betty did, you can direct part of an RMD to be transferred to the ACC Foundation. Or you can name the ACC Foundation as a beneficiary on an insurance policy, IRA or annuity. You may also want to add the ACC Foundation as a beneficiary in your will to ensure a lasting legacy.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy like Betty did, please contact Carolyn Rhode at 336-506-4128. She can work with you to make sure your intentions are clear and you are honored for your generosity.

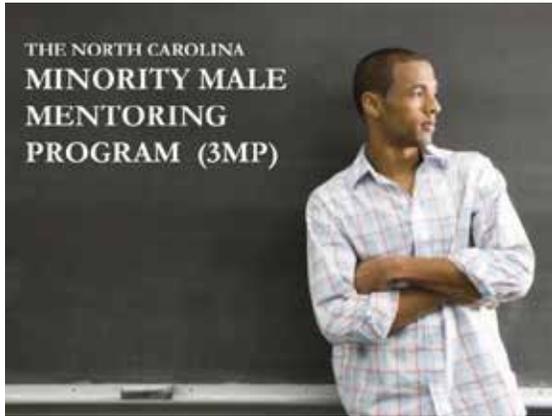
## News from the ACC Family

### Condolences to:

- ACC Retiree, Brenda Brower, on the passing of her mother Olene Moon, on December 13.
- The family of Iris Powell, former adjunct Nursing instructor, on her passing on December 28.
- The family of Richard Kraycirik, retired ACC Automotive Technology instructor, on his passing on Dec. 30.
- ACC Welding Department Head, Mike Holt, on the passing of his mother, Nancy, on January 21.
- ACC Vice President, Scott Doron, on the passing of his sister, Connie Suyehira, on January 29.

# Grants Recently Awarded to ACCF

## Early Alert Program



Alamance Community College has been awarded a grant from the North Carolina Community College System office for \$131,000. The grant is designated to support the development of an Early Alert program at the College through the purchase of an early alert/predictive analytics software platform. The software will serve as a catalyst to launch sustained success coaching focused on a key at-risk group: male minority students. ACC will use the lessons learned through the grant to address the needs of additional groups of at-risk students.

The mission of this grant project is to initiate and sustain proactive, best practices of targeted student interventions that support and optimize students' academic progress and program completion. Best practices include early warnings of at-risk behaviors, prompt follow-up by trained faculty and staff, and development of a robust support system, including community resources and academic support.

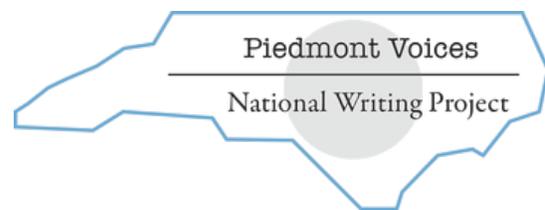
## Piedmont Voices Writing Project

Piedmont Voices Writing Project, a partnership between Alamance Community College and UNC-Greensboro, has been selected to receive a \$15,000 College, Career, and Community Writers Program (C3WP) SEED grant. This project, funded by the National Writing Project, provides 6-12 grade teachers with instructional resources and formative assessment tools for the teaching of evidence-based argument writing. Through the grant, ten or more middle and high school teachers will receive professional development during the summer of 2019 and through the 2019-2020 school year for a minimum of 30 hours.

Teachers in C3WP gain access to high-quality researched instructional materials, learn how to analyze student work carefully to determine instructional next steps, and lead their students towards active participation in their communities through argument writing. Courtney Doi, the ACC Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Coordinator, notes that, "Since founding the Writing Project in 2016, we have trained about 30 local teachers and taught summer writing camps to approximately 150 local students."

Courtney was named the ACC 2018 Faculty Member of the Year. Employed fulltime in ACC's English department since 2009, Doi has become an active instructor and leader as she consistently seeks ways to make her classes more effective. In addition to teaching English and creative writing on the ACC campus, she also teaches high school students at the public schools' Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC). Doi's work as the WAC Coordinator has built a strong learning community focused on better writing across divisions. She spearheaded the partnership between UNC-G and ACC to create the Piedmont Voices National Writing Project site.

The mission of The National Writing Project (nwp.org) is to focus the knowledge, expertise, and leadership of our nation's educators on sustained efforts to improve writing and learning for all.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI of ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



1999  
JACK R. OVERACRE, JR.  
Vice President  
Global Delivery Excellence  
IBM Global Technology Services



2007  
JOE CEPHUS WADE, JR.  
CEO/Designer  
JoCephus Originals



2016  
AJ HARRIS, Ph.D.  
Peter Buck Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Botany,  
Smithsonian Institution



2018  
LEON SAUL  
President  
Willie Saul and Son Plumbing, Inc.

Here are 4 of the 20 outstanding individuals who have been honored for achievements related to their educational experience at ACC.

**NOW IT'S TIME TO FIND ANOTHER**  
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# ABSS 8th Graders Tour ACC

Nearly 1500 students received an eye-opening experience on Feb. 13 during the ABSS 8th Grade Tour Extravaganza on the Alamance Community College campus. Faculty conducted hands-on mini-tours of their departments, giving the young students opportunities to touch a pig's heart, watch physics in action, taste Culinary-baked cookies, hold a snake, perform CPR on a "breathing" computerized mannequin, and much, much more. ACC and ABSS partnered on the successful event to address one of the College's key strategic initiatives: "Strengthen outreach to community partners to improve resource development and educational opportunities for Alamance County residents."

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