



RCC honors its scholars

220 students earn scholarships at annual banquet

Richmond Community College Foundation recognized the recipients of 220 scholarships during its annual academic awards banquet on March 26

at the Cole Auditorium. The recipients were also given the opportunity to meet donors

to thank them for their generosity in helping defray the cost of tuition and textbooks.

RCC Foundation President Lee Howell opened the program by thanking donors for

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RCC student Omar Fahmy accepts the Russell E. Bennett III Memorial Scholarship from donor Russell Bennett. Also pictured are Dr. Dale McInnis, RCC president, and Lee Howell, RCC Foundation president.

the role they play in improving the lives of others.

“You make an incredible impact on this college,” Howell said of the donors. “Your generosity helps students

stay in school, graduate and get jobs.”

RCC President Dr. Dale McInnis also spoke during the

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Machine Technology instructor Clayton Dial gives a group of Robeson County students a tour of the state-of-the-art labs in the John E. Forte Building.

College has hefty impact on economy

Richmond Community College delivers a solid return on investment according to a study conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI).

The study found that the overall impact on the local business community during the 2012-13 analysis year was \$104.3 million: the sum of the college’s \$17.3 million operations budget and the \$86.8 million alumni impact. RCC’s economic impact is equal to approximately 5.3% of Richmond and Scotland counties gross regional product.

“Anecdotally, we have always

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McEachin family establishes new scholarship

The RCC Foundation Board of Directors is proud to announce that the **Reginald Vance McEachin Memorial Scholarship** was developed by the family of Reginald Vance McEachin and recently presented to the RCC Foundation.

Reggie was 25 years old



McEachin

when he met his untimely death at the hands of a drunk driver. This is the family’s way of preserving the memory of their son and brother. Reggie was a 2000

graduate of Richmond Senior High School and a 2005 graduate of Richmond Community College.

Applicants must have graduated from Richmond Senior High School with a 2.5 GPA or higher. They must be accepted

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Message from the President and RCC Foundation Executive Director

RCC growing because of our programs, our partnerships and your leadership

Spring is a busy time of the year at RCC, as we wrap up one academic year, conduct our graduation ceremony, start the summer semester, and prepare for the 2015-16 academic year. Our dedicated, talented employees are working on all of these critical functions at the same time, while working with our students to insure their success at the university level and in their new careers. We meet every day with prospective students and their families, working to make sure our college is the best fit for them and the future they seek. While we plan for the future, it is also a time when we reflect where we are and where we have been, and some of the accomplishments of our students and employees.

• Over the past five years, Richmond Community College has become the fastest growing community college in



Dr. Dale McInnis,
RCC President

North Carolina. Our credit headcount enrollment grew 32% from 2010 to 2014, while 48 of the 58 colleges declined in enrollment during the same time.

• While enrollment is critical, it's graduation that really makes the difference in people's lives. We will be awarding an all-time high 327 associate degrees on May 16, exceeding the previous record by more than 50.

• Much of our recent success can be attributed to new and expanded educational programs, focused on high demand, high salary careers, and effective transfer to universities. Since 2010, we have invested back into the classroom by increasing the num-

ber of full time faculty 43%, from 56 to 80. This allowed us to maintain our academic quality, keeping our student to instructor ratio at 17:1.

• Our partnerships with Richmond and Scotland County schools have been powerfully effective and mutually beneficial for the schools, college, and students. These students are earning free college credits, saving time and money, as well as improving the educational attainment levels of our two counties. Our Early College high schools and dual enrollment programs for high school students are saving the parents of our communities more than \$400,000 per year in tuition and fees.

• In order to become accessible, competitive and relevant, we have invested in distance learning and technology. Our main campus is fully wireless, we have great leaders in technology and

distance learning, and we have expanded our schedule to include new online courses and programs. Since 2010, we have increased our delivery of online instruction 78%, with these courses making up almost one third of our total hours taught.

• We are listening to our students and adapting to meet their needs. This fall, we will start up a new Basic Law Enforcement Training program for day students, reducing the length of the program by more than 50%. For the first time, we will offer complete online versions of our Health Information Technology, Business Administration and Associate in Arts programs.

• Also beginning this fall, we will work with every student to insure they have a complete Career Plan before the end of their first semester.

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Spread the word about scholarships: **Apply!**

As you enjoy this beautiful spring weather, please remember that now is the time to reach out to any RCC students you may know and remind them to apply for 2015-2016 scholarships. The Foundation staff and Financial Aid Committee folks will be hard at work during the hot summer months. We comb through hundreds of student applications to find the perfect recipients for the Foundation's ever-growing portfolio of over 100 need and



Olivia Webb,
RCC Foundation
Executive Director

merit-based scholarships. Our online application, available through the RCC website, allows a student to apply for all of these scholarships at once. There is no excuse not to do it.

The last task for the Financial Aid Committee is

to see how much money we have raised for the Working Scholarship by the end of the summer. Then we go through those applications and – with the help of our generous Working Scholarship donors and Anniversary Gala sponsors – we hope to be able to award the Working Scholarship to all who qualify. The Working Scholarship application is available to download and print from the RCC website as well. It is one page long, so also very easy to

complete!

Spread the word. Ask the next RCC student you see to complete our online application. If this student is someone who receives no federal or state financial aid because they are working their way through school, please make sure they fill out a Working Scholarship application as well.

We help more and more deserving students every year. Thank you for being a part of that.

RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

First-generation college students earn top honors

Two Richmond Community College students were recognized for their academic achievements by the state with Academic Excellence Awards, but both students have achieved way more than just good grades. They have achieved in life.

Christi Miles and George Yandle are each first-generation college students. Miles is also the first person in her family to graduate from high school.

"I never thought I'd be able to get into college, let alone get a degree," said Miles, who relocated to Rockingham from northern Virginia. "I never got any A's in high school, and my family would celebrate when I received C's. But I'm very proud to say that I've worked hard at RCC and have been able to maintain a 4.0 grade-point average."

Yandle also overcame a multitude of doubts on his pathway to success.

"Ever since third grade when I struggled to learn to read, I've been told that I couldn't make it," Yandle said. "I went to vocational rehab, and was told even that wasn't going to be able to help me make it through college. But I'm here to tell you that you're capable of doing whatever you set your mind to."

Christi Miles

A mother of two, Miles said she chose to attend RCC primarily because of its location,

reasonable tuition costs and financial aid. What she didn't factor in was the tremendous support she would receive from her instructors in helping

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— Christi Miles

her complete college and earn an associate degree in accounting.

"It's the faculty and staff that make RCC what it is," Miles said. "RCC has so many programs with the most incredible teachers leading them."

Miles specifically credited instructors Matilda Davis, Michael Fairley, SheVonne Lockhart, Kim Parsons and Doug Carter for being instrumental in her success.

"Not only are they amazing teachers, but I also consider them friends," Miles said.

One of RCC's former instructors, Oz Queen, has played an important role in Miles' career by hiring her to work at his accounting firm.

"I have always wanted to own my own firm since I discovered a love for accounting, but after gaining some experience working in public accounting has made me rethink that decision," said Miles. "I think I would like to be a controller of a successful company and possibly teach part time. I was a tutor for RCC, and I enjoyed



Award winner Christi Miles stands with her family after being recognized at RCC's monthly employee meeting. Pictured with Christi, center, are her husband, Travis Miles; her son, Cameron Ketner; and her stepdaughter, Cece McMillan.



George Yandle holds the plaque he received for being one of two Academic Excellence Award winners for RCC.

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RCC student Lucy Kenya accepts the Emma Lou Daniels Brown Memorial Scholarship from donor Kay Cavendish-Nevinger.



RCC student Wanda Hair accepts the Christian Closet Merit Scholarship from Christian Closet board member Susanne McInnis.



RCC student Robert Swinney accepts the Harry T. and George W. Brown Craftsman Scholarship from donor Kay Cavendish-Nevinger.



RCC students, from left, Apprille Mabe, Alexander Ingram and Jase Wagers accept the Lindsey Guy DeWitt Memorial Scholarship from donor Nancy Daugherty.



RCC student Amber Chavis accepts the Carolyn Wilson Carter Memorial Nursing Scholarship from donor Yvonne Graham.



RCC student Brittney Wright accepts the Wyndie Daniels Brown Hayes Memorial Scholarship from donor Kay Cavendish-Nevinger.



RCC student Rebecca Rainwater accepts the Faye Wilson Jordan Memorial Scholarship from donor Bill Jordan.



RCC students Ronald Maynard and Jessica Santos accept the Harris McKinnon McRae Memorial Scholarship from donors Elizabeth and Finn Petersen.



RCC students Rebecca Rainwater and Natalie Watts accept the Kimberly C. Melton Memorial Scholarship from donors John and Cheryl Melton and RCC nursing instructor Sheila Adams.



RCC student Amanda Young accepts the Veronica Scholl Newton Memorial Scholarship from donors Harry and Margaret Newton.



RCC student Tania Juarez accepts the Woodrow & Mary McInnis Educational Scholarship from donor family members Will and Olivia Meacham.



RCC student Keeley Sutton accepts the Vera Anderson Rose Memorial Scholarship from donor Shirley Lassiter.

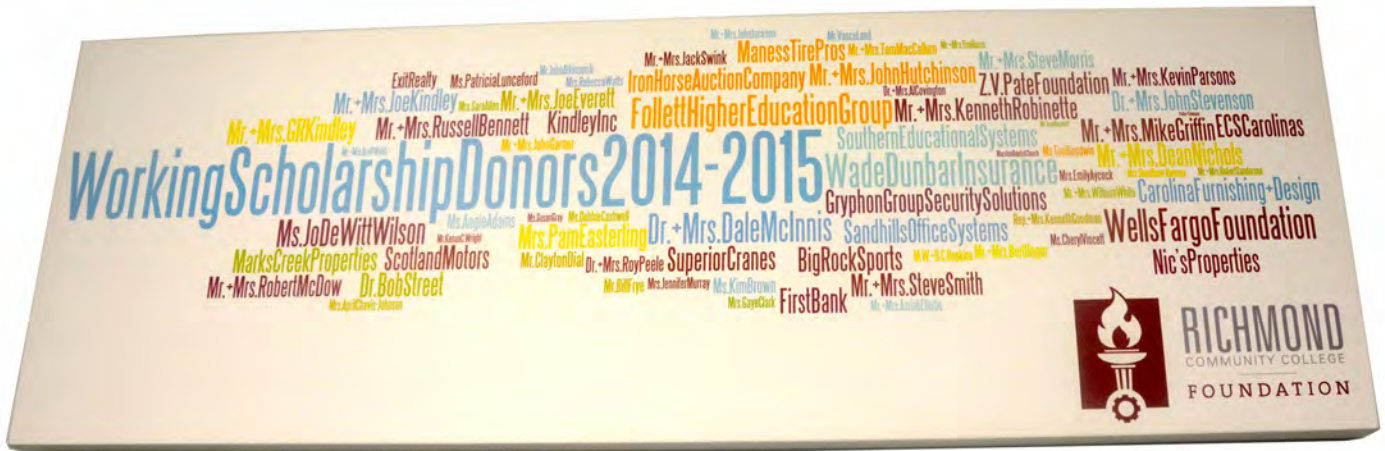


RCC student Amanda Young accepts the Woman’s Club of Hamlet Susie B. Powers Memorial Scholarship from Club President Cathey Thomas.



RCC students Kayla Jones and Ashley Hogan accept the State Employees Credit Union Scholarship from Credit Union Vice President City Executive Douglas M. Fulford Jr.

We Want Your Name to Go Here



Twenty percent of Richmond Community College students are trying to make school work. They juggle class, family and — most importantly — job schedules throughout the year in an effort to stay in college. Because these students are working their way through school, they are not eligible for Financial Aid. For many, this disadvantage will prolong their time in school or even cause them to drop out. These students should be prioritized, not punished. These students are the target beneficiaries of the RCC Foundation Working Scholarship.

To give, contact Olivia Webb by calling (910) 410-1807 or emailing bowebb@richmondcc.edu.



Pictured above are the nearly 50 students who benefited from the Working Scholarship, which was created last year and funded primarily through money raised at RCC's Anniversary Gala. The scholarship assists students who do not qualify for full state or federal assistance due to the fact they are maintaining steady jobs. To donate to the Working Scholarship or to establish a scholarship, contact the RCC Foundation Office at (910) 410-1807 or email bowebebb@richmondcc.edu.

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ceremony, recognizing members of the Board of Trustees and the RCC Foundation Board of Directors, as well as applauding faculty and staff for their efforts to help RCC's students achieve success.

"Tonight we celebrate the success of our great students, tremendous faculty and a generous community willing to give back," McInnis said.

A highlight of the evening was recognition of one of the College's newest bursaries, The Working Scholarship, which was created last year to assist students who did not qualify for full state or federal assistance due to the fact they were maintaining steady jobs.

"As you can see from the number of Working Scholarship recipients in attendance tonight, the establishment of this fund has addressed a unique and pressing need," said RCC Foundation Executive Director Olivia Webb. "It is an honor to add this fund to our high-impact portfolio of endowed and annual scholarships, given to RCC students by individuals, families and businesses from throughout this community."

Around 50 students benefited from the Working Scholarship last year, which is funded primarily through money raised at RCC's Anniversary Gala.

"Last year's Gala brought in a large portion of the funds required to operate the Working Scholarship for an entire year," said Webb, who added this year's ball would follow the same format, with entertainment provided by The Boomers. The Virginia-based band's lead singer has opened for or shared the stage with national artists such as Hootie and the Blowfish, Melissa Etheridge, Alison Krauss, Edwin McCain and Emmylou Harris.

Duke Energy funds to equip Mechatronics program

Richmond Community College has been awarded a \$234,000 grant from Duke Energy that will be used to purchase Process Control Learning Systems for use in the College's Electronics Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering and Industrial Systems Technologies programs.

The systems consist of industrial quality components with the capability to teach a variety of process control applications. They will help provide students with the knowledge and skill to install, repair, maintain and calibrate industrial measuring and controlling instrumentation.

"As a response to the workforce needs of employers in Richmond and Scotland counties, RCC recently expanded and renovated the building that houses the engineering technologies programs, enhanced existing programs and added a new program in Mechatronics Engineering Technology," said RCC President Dr. Dale McInnis. "As industry becomes more automated, there is a growing need for automation/instrumentation and controls technicians to ensure that all machines are operating and operating safely. Nearly all functions of modern manufacturing plants, from the orders that come in to the products that go out, rely on automated processes. Equipment purchased through this grant will ensure that RCC can fully and effectively meet local demand for automation technicians."

The equipment is expected to be installed over the summer, resulting in a new Electrical Instrumentation class being offered in the fall for degree programs and courses and training for incumbent workers.

RCC's Mechatronics Engi-



Chair of the Engineering Department Amir Niczad conducts an Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers course in the Automation Lab of the Forte Building. With the increasing dependence on automation, Mechatronics also benefits local industries that want to improve or advance the skills of their workforce.



neering Technology program was first offered during fall semester 2014. The curriculum includes courses in safety, math, physics, electricity, engineering technology, and technology-specific specialty areas.

Mechatronics Engineering Technology graduates will be qualified for employment in industrial maintenance and manufacturing including assembly, testing, startup, troubleshooting, repair, process improvement and control systems.

The \$234,000 in funding was administered through the Duke Energy Community College Grant Program, which is managed by North Carolina Community Foundation.

"Trained workers from our

region's community colleges help meet the needs of local industry across North Carolina," said David McNeill, Duke Energy district manager. "Richmond Community College plays a key role in educating our next generation workforce, and we are proud to partner in its efforts."

Duke Energy Community College Grant Program

Duke Energy has recognized that even though the Carolinas have top-rated community and technical college systems, budgetary constraints present a challenge for them. Duke Energy's Community College Grant Program provides a financial boost that helps enable

college systems to extend their expertise, to provide rewarding opportunities for students, and ultimately, to help revitalize manufacturing in the Carolinas.

North Carolina Community Foundation

North Carolina Community Foundation administers the Duke Energy Community College Grant Program in the Duke Energy Progress area of the state. The Foundation is the single statewide community foundation in North Carolina, serving the philanthropic needs of donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North Carolina. Visit nccommunityfoundation.org.



Duke Continues Valiant Support of Energy Program with \$50,000 check

Duke Energy District Manager David McNeill presented a check for \$50,000 to the Electric Utility Substation and Relay Technology (EUSRT) program at the March 3 meeting of the RCC Board of Trustees. McNeill said the company views the funding as a wise investment. “You have a very unique program here at RCC that is truly making a difference in our industry,” said McNeill. Pictured accepting the check are RCC President Dr. Dale McInnis and Board of Trustees Chair Claudia Robinette. McInnis thanked Duke Energy for the support the company has provided students and the EUSRT program since its inception. RCC was the first institution in the nation to offer an Electric Utility Substation and Relay Technology program, with nearly 100 percent of graduates being offered immediate employment.

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known that RCC is a key driver of the region’s economy, putting money back into the marketplace not only through the job skills that we provide to our students but through the wages we pay our employees and the local companies with which we do business,”

said RCC President Dr. Dale McInnis. “What this study does is quantifies the return that taxpayers and citizens are getting for their investment in Richmond Community College and our students.”

The study also looked at the investment and return from a student perspective. It found that an average RCC graduate earned \$8,300 more per year than someone with just a high

school diploma or equivalency. Over a lifetime, that equates to nearly \$300,000 in higher income for an RCC graduate.

The study found that taxpayers received a benefit of \$60.1 million in added taxes and public sector savings. For every \$1 of public money invested in RCC, taxpayers receive a cumulative value of \$4.40 over the course of the students’ working lives for an

average annual rate of return of 15.3%.

“This study verifies what we have known all along: our college is a good investment for our students, taxpayers and society as a whole,” said McInnis. “Education and training for current and future jobs is key to growing Richmond and Scotland counties and I am proud of the work that we have done.”

Concert Goes at the Cole

Photos from Director's Circle Receptions



From left, Dr. David Arnold, Brian Goodman, Danielle Goodman and Katherine Arnold enjoy food and drinks before the Piano Battle performance held in February.



JC and Hilda Lamm enjoy some refreshments at the reception for the final show of the DeWitt Performing Arts series featuring '90s country music star Colin Raye.



Joe and Diana Everett were among the many Director's Circle members who took in the Rhythm of the Dance show on St. Patrick's Day.



From left, Brenda Purcell, Carol Linker and Brenda Caulder were all smiles for a spectacular St. Patrick's Day show.



Melissa Billingsley, Van Billingsley and Jan Seagraves enjoyed the pre-show reception and Rhythm of the Dance performance on St. Patrick's Day .



Susan Wood and Russell Bennett pose for a picture during the reception before the Piano Battle performance.



Linda and Lynn McCaskill wore their St. Patrick's Day attire for the Rhythm of the Dance show.

GROWTH

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This commitment from our faculty and staff will increase

student retention and graduation rates, while connecting students with today's and tomorrow's jobs.

With the support and leadership of our Board Trustees

and the generosity of the RCC Foundation and its Board of Directors, Richmond Community College's faculty and staff are working every day to make Richmond and Scotland Coun-

ties better places to live, work and do business. As proud as we are of our past and recent success, we are more excited about futures, and the futures of our students.

Curriculum FTE Growth 2009-10 to 2013-14

College	2009-2010 Annual FTE	2013-2014 Annual FTE	Growth %
Wake TCC	11,531	15,077	31%
Richmond CC	1,539	1,889	23%
Pitt CC	6,213	7,215	16%
Nash CC	2,357	2,635	12%
Tri-County CC	1,048	1,120	7%
Randolph CC	2,269	2,423	7%
Wayne CC	2,993	3,174	6%
Fayetteville TCC	8,661	9,050	4%
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	5,736	5,920	3%
Central Piedmont CC	14,038	14,289	2%
Brunswick CC	1,296	1,293	0%
Durham TCC	3,717	3,675	-1%
Forsyth TCC	7,159	7,042	-2%
Southwestern CC	1,961	1,921	-2%
Pamlico CC	491	473	-4%
Cape Fear CC	7,613	7,304	-4%
Surry CC	2,785	2,654	-5%
Wilkes CC	2,528	2,390	-5%
Beaufort County CC	1,645	1,548	-6%
Davidson County CC	3,393	3,156	-7%
Sandhills CC	3,428	3,175	-7%
Johnston CC	3,795	3,505	-8%
Haywood CC	1,838	1,693	-8%
Montgomery CC	759	699	-8%
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	5,724	5,242	-8%
College of the Albemarle	2,183	1,996	-9%
Roanoke Chowan CC	728	666	-9%
Carteret CC	1,524	1,394	-9%
Craven CC	2,721	2,486	-9%
Guilford TCC	10,994	10,038	-9%
Martin CC	675	615	-9%
Coastal Carolina CC	3,947	3,578	-9%
Blue Ridge CC	1,921	1,737	-10%
Sampson CC	1,308	1,169	-11%
James Sprunt CC	1,242	1,109	-11%
South Piedmont CC	1,884	1,673	-11%
Central Carolina CC	4,331	3,824	-12%
Mitchell CC	2,669	2,354	-12%
Stanly CC	2,482	2,133	-14%
Wilson CC	1,688	1,447	-14%
Edgecombe CC	2,610	2,212	-15%
Gaston College	5,577	4,503	-19%
Alamance CC	4,198	3,369	-20%
Catawba Valley CC	4,447	3,522	-21%
Lenoir CC	2,896	2,294	-21%
Vance-Granville CC	3,454	2,731	-21%
Isothermal CC	2,333	1,832	-21%
Rockingham CC	1,975	1,525	-23%
Robeson CC	2,371	1,772	-25%
Caldwell CC and TI	3,950	2,942	-26%
Halifax CC	1,563	1,161	-26%
McDowell TCC	1,334	984	-26%
Bladen CC	1,521	1,116	-27%
Cleveland CC	3,504	2,562	-27%
Mayland CC	1,288	914	-29%
Western Piedmont CC	2,887	1,971	-32%
Southeastern CC	2,044	1,177	-42%
Piedmont CC	2,402	1,254	-48%

Curriculum Headcount Growth 2009-10 to 2013-14

College	2009-2010 Headcount	2013-2014 Headcount	Growth %
Richmond CC	2,533	3,334	32%
Wake TCC	22,817	28,594	25%
Pamlico CC	752	886	18%
Fayetteville TCC	15,509	18,089	17%
Pitt CC	11,069	12,293	11%
Nash CC	4,597	5,035	10%
Beaufort County CC	2,526	2,662	5%
Wayne CC	4,977	5,186	4%
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	10,757	10,933	2%
Cape Fear CC	12,041	12,172	1%
Surry CC	4,083	4,096	0%
Central Piedmont CC	29,712	29,805	0%
Forsyth TCC	12,958	12,938	0%
Durham TCC	7,987	7,874	-1%
Wilkes CC	3,770	3,666	-3%
Roanoke Chowan CC	1,160	1,125	-3%
South Piedmont CC	3,840	3,717	-3%
Brunswick CC	2,122	2,051	-3%
Guilford TCC	18,026	17,409	-3%
Mitchell CC	4,755	4,577	-4%
Randolph CC	3,919	3,767	-4%
Tri-County CC	1,980	1,888	-5%
College of the Albemarle	3,710	3,533	-5%
Blue Ridge CC	3,315	3,101	-6%
Johnston CC	5,747	5,373	-7%
Davidson County CC	5,797	5,414	-7%
Southwestern CC	3,668	3,415	-7%
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	9,593	8,905	-7%
Martin CC	1,095	1,012	-8%
Sandhills CC	5,964	5,510	-8%
Central Carolina CC	7,025	6,461	-8%
Sampson CC	2,076	1,871	-10%
Craven CC	5,101	4,581	-10%
Gaston College	8,916	8,001	-10%
Stanly CC	4,667	4,188	-10%
Isothermal CC	3,784	3,368	-11%
Coastal Carolina CC	7,261	6,416	-12%
Wilson CC	3,156	2,727	-14%
Haywood CC	3,341	2,854	-15%
Alamance CC	7,352	6,138	-17%
James Sprunt CC	2,049	1,710	-17%
Bladen CC	2,263	1,887	-17%
Edgecombe CC	4,577	3,816	-17%
Vance-Granville CC	6,245	5,056	-19%
Montgomery CC	1,443	1,165	-19%
Lenoir CC	5,333	4,291	-20%
Robeson CC	3,823	3,049	-20%
Caldwell CC and TI	6,422	5,074	-21%
Halifax CC	2,421	1,888	-22%
McDowell TCC	2,093	1,632	-22%
Carteret CC	2,658	2,065	-22%
Rockingham CC	3,360	2,607	-22%
Catawba Valley CC	7,810	5,997	-23%
Cleveland CC	6,016	4,484	-25%
Western Piedmont CC	4,337	3,087	-29%
Mayland CC	2,374	1,681	-29%
Southeastern CC	3,355	1,872	-44%
Piedmont CC	3,961	2,129	-46%

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helping fellow students.”

Whatever her professional future holds, Miles said she will be continuing her education by obtaining a second associate degree from RCC, this one in Business Management, as well as a earning a bachelor's degree in accounting.

“RCC has jump-started my career. It has given me the knowledge and the degree and allowed me to develop important relationships for success,” Miles said. “Being a student here has opened many doors for me.”

Miles said going to college is not easy, but she encourages others to consider RCC.

“It will take a lot of hard work, but it will be most rewarding. Do not procrastinate! And good luck! It will all be worth your while,” she said.

George Yandle

A graduate of Richmond Senior High School, Yandle overcame learning disabilities and financial hardships to earn his Associate in Arts degree.

“I realized that the further I got along in my education, it got more challenging,” he said. “But I never gave up and managed to keep on going, despite the fact that I was almost homeless three times.”

Yandle said his educational goal has always been to get a bachelor's degree, but he knew starting at RCC was the wisest route for him to take.

“The Associate in Arts degree I'll receive from RCC will allow me to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke,” he said. “Starting at a community college was a lot more affordable for me than going straight to a university.”

Yandle was also able to benefit from financial aid offered through RCC, along with working at the College library. He will graduate in May debt free.

“Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't make it.”

— **George Yandle**

Yandle has been working closely with Kathy McCain, campus administrative coordinator for UNC-P at RCC, to make sure all his college credits transfer when he enrolls in the university this fall.

“I want to thank her for all she does, and I am glad that UNC-P chose her to represent the school at RCC,” he said.

Yandle plans to get a job working in radio or television after earning his bachelor's degree in communications from UNC-P. However, he also plans to seek a master's degree in library science.

“From there, I will combine both degrees and work in a library,” he said. “Eventually, I would like to get my doctorate in education. My end goal is to one day come back to RCC and teach communications. I have a lot of career plans that will take time, but in the end it will be worth it.”

Yandle encourages other students to also set their mind on success and refuse to let it go.

“Do not let anyone tell you that you can't make it,” he said. “Never give up and enjoy your time at RCC. If you need help with any classes, use the Academic Success Center where tutoring is located or simply schedule an appointment to meet with your instructor. Everyone at RCC wants to see you succeed and do well.”

Yandle specifically mentioned instructors Jamie Sadler and Angie Adams who were instrumental in his development at RCC. He also thanked Carolyn Bittle, SheVonne Lockhart and Sarah Anderson, whom he worked closely with in the RCC library.

“They were always there for me when I needed help, and at times when I felt like giving up, they always told me I could make it,” Yandle said.



Reggie Vance McEachin, a 2000 graduate of Richmond Senior High School, graduated from Richmond Community College in 2005.

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for enrollment at Richmond Community College. Students can apply through the RCC Foundation Scholarship application, which can be completed and submitted electronically online at www.richmondcc.edu.

“Richmond Community

“We want this award to help another student like him.” — **Brenda McEachin**

College is where my son really came into his own. He had some great professors, and he really came out of his shell,” said Reggie's mother, Brenda. “We want this award to help another student like him.”



Chamber Holds Expo at Cole

It was a night to explore careers and network with local businesses on April 16. A variety of exhibitors had tables and displays set up at the Cole Auditorium for Richmond County Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Expo. This event followed on the heels of a Career Fair held April 15 at the Cole Auditorium.