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Aug. 20, 2012
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Cape Fear Community College

Cape Fear Community College is an open door, multi-campus, comprehensive community college that strengthens the academic, economic, social and cultural life of the citizens of New Hanover and Pender counties.

As a member of the North Carolina Community College System, Cape Fear Community College fully supports the system mission and fulfills its purposes by:

- Focusing on vocational, technical, pre-baccalaureate, literacy education, and continuing education programs and services;
- Recruiting, enrolling, advising and retaining a diverse student body;
- Recruiting, retaining and developing a highly qualified and diverse faculty and staff who are dedicated to quality education and service to the College and the community;
- Evaluating existing programs and implementing new curricula and instructional strategies to serve the changing needs of the service area;
- Providing support services that help students succeed;
- Enhancing student life through clubs, cultural activities, leadership opportunities, and athletics; and
- Interacting and cooperating with others to encourage, promote and facilitate economic and community development.

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ON THE COVER: LeMart Simpson

LeMart Simpson celebrates with a thumbs up at the May 5, 2012 CFCC Graduation Ceremony. After recovering from a stroke, Simpson decided to go CFCC to learn a new trade and earned a diploma in Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration. “I’ve never been a quitter,” Simpson said.

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Want to see the current schedule of classes? Visit www.cfcc.edu.

**Fall Semester Course Schedules Are Online!**

All course schedule information for both credit programs and continuing education classes can be found online at [www.cfcc.edu](http://www.cfcc.edu).

The online schedules are the most up-to-date class listings available!

**PRINTED COPIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

If you would like to have a printed course schedule, they can be picked up in the Student Development Office at the downtown Wilmington Campus or at the McKeithan Center at the North Campus. If you would like to have a schedule mailed to you, please call (910) 362-7700.

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**How to Register at CFCC**

**Step 1:** Submit an application online at www.cfcc.edu. You will receive an automated e-mail after your application is received.

**Step 2:** Submit official copies of your transcripts from high school and/or previous college(s).

**Step 3:** Take the academic placement test. The placement test schedule is located at www.cfcc.edu.

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**After you apply...**

After completing the first three steps, students will receive an official acceptance letter and will be invited to attend a special orientation/registration session.

**New students need to attend this orientation session in order to register for classes.**

For detailed admissions information, please visit: [www.cfcc.edu/admissions](http://www.cfcc.edu/admissions)

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**APPLY NOW!**

The last day to register for the fall semester is August 15, 2012

Payment is due at the time of registration.

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For specific admissions questions, e-mail admissions@cfcc.edu or visit the CFCC Admissions Office at the Downtown Wilmington Campus at 411 N. Front St. or at the North Campus at 4500 Blue Clay Rd.
Grad Discovers Confidence at CFCC, Heads to UNC-Chapel Hill in August

Hannah Peterson described her time after high school as a struggle. She left the University of Mississippi after one year because she “just wasn’t ready” and started working various jobs back home in Raleigh.

Her return home didn’t go much better. She was working as a line cook at a local restaurant and burned the kitchen down by accident.

“I ended up getting fired,” Peterson said.

Soon afterwards, her mind turned back to college, but she was reluctant to try again after her previous experience.

“I knew that I wanted to go back to school, but was worried that I wouldn’t get in,” Peterson said.

Ultimately, she moved to Wilmington to go to CFCC, but now admits that it was actually for “all the wrong reasons.”

She said she was first attracted to CFCC because it was near the beach and had a downtown campus with restaurants, shops and a riverfront.

What she later realized was that despite her initial reasons for enrolling, it was one of the best decisions she could have made.

“My experience at CFCC has been transformative. Today, I know the freedom that comes from having the desire necessary to accomplish my goals in life,” Peterson said.

She started at CFCC by taking summer classes part-time and then then enrolled full-time with hopes to transfer to four-year college.

“It was so easy to talk to people and apply,” Peterson said.

“Everyone was so supportive. That’s how I started. From there my experiences grew,” Peterson said.

Soon afterwards, Peterson became excited about her classes and even got involved with student government. Last year, she was elected president of the CFCC Student Government Association.

CFCC Student Government President Hannah Peterson addresses the crowd at the May 2012 graduation ceremony.

At the May 5, 2012 graduation ceremony, she not only received her own degree, but spoke to the crowd of over 2,000 of her peers, faculty and other guests. That’s something that Peterson would have never imagined just a couple of years ago.

“Honestly, if you would have told me I was going to speak at my college graduation ceremony, I would have laughed and said you were crazy,” Peterson joked.

In August, Peterson will head to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a junior to study journalism.

Peterson explained that there is a difference in “receiving an education and being educated.”

“I would rather be educated. To be educated is to attain something intangible, something not taught in the classroom but understood in the language and environment. This has been my experience at Cape Fear Community College,” Peterson said.

CFCC’s College Transfer Program

The college transfer/university-parallel programs at CFCC are designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. Students can get there by earning an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Fine Arts degree.

Associate in Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts program is recommended for students who need a strong liberal arts background. CFCC also offers special transfer tracks or pre-majors for certain liberal arts majors. Students may earn Associate in Arts degrees in 20 pre majors. The intent of the pre-majors is to help students transfer as juniors in the majors.

Pre-majors

- Art Education
- Business Administration, Accounting, Economics, Finance, and Marketing
- Business Education & Marketing Ed.
- Communication/Comm. Studies
- Criminal Justice (transfer program)
- Elementary Education
- English
- English Education
- History
- Information Systems
- Mass Communication/Journalism
- Middle Grades Education
- Nursing (transfer program)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Special Education

Students should always consult with their prospective transfer institution before choosing a pre-major to make sure the pre-major credits earned at CFCC will be honored.

*For students who want to transfer to a four-year institution
CFCC’s Hanover Art Gallery Gives Student Artists A Place to Call Their Own

Located on the ground floor of the Hanover Parking Deck, the new Hanover Art Gallery has become the newest hot spot on campus.

Hundreds of visitors attended the grand opening ceremony and 2012 Student Art Show on March 30 (photo below) and since then, the gallery has hosted works from faculty, alumni and community artists.

The most recent exhibition is the “Big Block Print Party,” (photo above) which will run through July 22. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. Make sure to check the daily hours of operation before planning a visit.

The gallery is located at 200 Hanover St. in the first floor of the Hanover Parking Deck in downtown Wilmington.

The gallery is open five days a week this summer:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fridays from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information about the Hanover Art Gallery, please contact Humanities and Fine Arts Chairman Brandon Guthrie at (910) 362-7431 or email bguthrie@cfcc.edu.

CFCC’s College Transfer Program - continued

Associate in Fine Arts Degree
The Drama pre-major enables students to concentrate in one of three areas: Acting for the Stage, Acting for Television and Film, and Technical Theatre. Unlike the other transfer programs, the AFA has only 28 hours of the general education core but 36-37 electives. Students are advised to contact the senior institution of choice early to find out if they will be required to take additional general education courses after transfer. If additional core courses are required, students may use the core courses to fulfill some free elective requirements in the AFA program. CFCC also offers a pre-major in Music and Music Education.

Associate in Science Degree
This program requires more math and science and is recommended for majors like Biology/Biology Education, Math/Math Education, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Engineering. Compared to the Associate in Arts programs, the Associate in Science requires more math and science courses; fewer humanities/fine arts and social science courses; a two-course sequence in general biology, general chemistry, or general physics; and a higher level math in the general education core.
Technical & Vocational Programs

CFCC’s technical and vocational programs offer students a chance to get hands-on experience and learn the skills needed to work in a wide variety of fields. Classes are taught by experienced professionals who have worked in the fields they teach.

ACCOUNTING
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Entry-level accounting positions in many types of organizations including accounting firms, small businesses, manufacturing firms, banks, hospitals, school systems and governmental agencies.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING
Grads of this program will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, physician’s offices, industry, and community agencies.

Degree Options: Associate degree

AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING AND REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Diploma graduates will be prepared to assist in the start-up, preventive maintenance, service, repair, and/or installation of residential and light commercial systems. As graduates gain experience, many have started their own businesses.

Degree Options: Diploma, Certificate

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Upon completion, graduates have career opportunities within the architectural, engineering, and construction professions as well as positions in industry and government. At participating universities, graduates may continue their education toward a bachelor’s degree in related fields.

Degree Options: Associate degree

AUTO BODY REPAIR (Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology)
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates of this program will be prepared for entry-level employment opportunities in the automotive body and refinishing industry. Graduates may find employment with franchised or independent garages, or may become self-employed.

Degree Options: Diploma, Certificate

AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS (Automotive Systems Technology)
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Upon completion of this curriculum, students will be prepared to take the ASE exam and be ready for full-time employment in dealerships and repair shops in the automotive service industry.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Certificate

CFCC’s Guarantee to Employers
Cape Fear Community College guarantees that its graduates are proficient in the areas of knowledge and basic skills covered by our educational programs.

Graduates not meeting their employer’s entry level expectations during the first year following graduation may be referred, by the employer, back to CFCC for retraining, provided the employer’s entry level expectations are consistent with those skills and competencies routinely taught in the college program from which the employee graduated and further provided that the graduate earned a minimum grade of “C” in the course or courses in which the skill or competency should have been mastered.

The additional training will be provided at no charge to the graduate, excluding books and supplies.

Students who are referred back to CFCC for retraining must permit the College to give the employer any information, deemed appropriate by the College, that might help explain the student’s lack of proficiency. This information may include grades and/or attendance records. The Guarantee becomes null and void if the graduate refuses to let the College provide such information to the employer.

This Guarantee applies to graduates of two-year Associate in Applied Science Degree Programs and one-year Diploma Programs. The exclusive remedy under this guarantee is as provided herein and is intended solely as a statement of educational commitment to employers. It is not intended to create any specific legal rights or causes of action whatsoever.

Stay connected to CFCC from anywhere!
**BANKING AND FINANCE**  
*Where Graduates Get Jobs:* Banking and finance is a concentration under the title of Business Administration. This curriculum is designed to prepare individuals for a career with various financial institutions and other businesses.

**Degree Options:** Certificate

**BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING**  
*Where Graduates Get Jobs:* Students successfully completing this program will possess at least a minimum degree of general attributes, knowledge, and skills to function as an entry-level law enforcement officer. Job opportunities are available with state, county, and municipal governments in North Carolina. In addition, knowledge, skills, and abilities acquired in this course of study qualify graduates for job opportunities with private enterprises in such areas as industrial, retail, and private security.

**NOTE:** Admission to this program requires a letter of sponsorship from a law enforcement agency or approval by the director of the program.

**BOAT BUILDING (Wooden)**  
*Where Graduates Get Jobs:* Graduates may find employment with yacht manufacturers or with other companies needing wood furniture or moldings fabricated and installed. Other employment opportunities can be found in the fiberglass industry and in boat maintenance and repair yards.

**Degree Options:** Diploma, Certificate

**BOAT MANUFACTURE AND SERVICE**  
*Where Graduates Get Jobs:* Graduates may find employment with boat/yacht manufacturers, service yards, dealerships doing commissioning work, and companies doing custom boat building.

**Degree Options:** Diploma

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
*Where Graduates Get Jobs:* Graduates will be prepared for employment opportunities in government agencies, financial institutions, and large to small business or industry.

**CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY**  
*Where Graduates Get Jobs:* Graduates will be prepared as entry-level chemical laboratory technicians. Their duties may include chemical solution preparation, raw material, product, or environmental sampling, and/or sample testing via wet chemistry or instrumental techniques.

**NOTE:** All Chemical Technology students must complete American Red Cross certification or equivalent in First Aid and Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.) for graduation.

**Degree Options:** Associate degree

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**Learn Boat Building at Cape Fear Community College**

CFCC offers two hands-on programs in boat building! Each program is three semesters.

**Boat Manufacture and Service**
- Fiberglass construction and repair
- Marine electrical and plumbing
- Engine installation and rigging
- Painting and finishing

**Boat Building (Wooden)**
- Advanced woodworking skills
- Traditional hull construction
- Hand and power tool use
- Marine drafting

**Classes start on August 20. Apply Now!** Contact Jason Rogers at (910) 362-7403 or email jrogers@cfcc.edu.

[www.cfcc.edu/martech/boatbuildingschool/]
COMMUNITY SPANISH INTERPRETER
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for entry-level jobs as para-professional bilingual employees in educational systems or a variety of community settings. Individuals may choose from part-time, full-time, or self-employment/free-lance positions, or apply language skills to other human service related areas.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for employment opportunities in electronics technology, computer service, computer networks, server maintenance, programming, and other areas requiring a knowledge of electronic and computer systems. Graduates may also qualify for certification in electronics, computers, or networks.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Certificate

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for a wide variety of computer related, entry-level positions that provide opportunities for advancement with increasing experience and ongoing training. Duties may include systems maintenance and troubleshooting, support and training, and business applications design and implementation.

Course work prepares students to take the Comp/TIA A+, SEC+, and CISCO™ Certified Network Associate (CCNA) exams for industry certification.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Certificate

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: This program is designed to prepare individuals for careers in the construction management field. Such positions may include project manager, superintendent, estimator, or foreman. Graduates should qualify for entry-level positions in the field of construction management.

Degree Options: Associate degree

COSMETOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Upon successfully passing the State Board exam, graduates will be issued a license. Employment is available in beauty salons and as skin/nail specialists, platform artists, and other related hair professionals.

Degree Options: Diploma, Certificate

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Job opportunities are available with federal, state, county and municipal governments. In addition, knowledge, skills and attitudes acquired in this course of study qualify for job opportunities with private enterprise in such areas as industrial, retail and private security.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Certificate

CULINARY ARTS TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for entry-level positions such as line cook, station chef, and assistant pastry chef. American Culinary Federation certification is available to graduates. With experience, graduates may advance to positions such as sous-chef, executive chef, or food service manager.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Certificate

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Where Graduates Get Jobs: This program stresses the importance of customer relations in the business world. Emphasis is placed on developing communication tools, understanding the business environment and learning how to respond to complex customer requirements and to efficiently handle stressful situations. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and communicate with customers and resolve problems and complaints.

Degree Options: Certificate

Build a career from the ground up! Students in CFCC’s carpentry program learn the fundamentals of residential construction and build a full size house. New classes start on Aug. 20. Apply now at www.cfcc.edu.
DENTAL ASSISTING
Where Graduates Get Jobs: The Dental Assisting curriculum prepares individuals to assist the dentist in the delivery of dental treatment and to function as integral members of the dental team while performing chair side and related office and laboratory procedures.

Degree Options: Diploma

DENTAL HYGIENE
Where Graduates Get Jobs: The curriculum is designed to prepare students as primary preventive oral health professionals licensed to practice dental hygiene. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to take the national, regional and state board examinations leading to licensure as a registered dental hygienist (R.D.H.).

NOTE: This program has selective admission requirements. Contact the Counseling Office for information and application deadlines.

Degree Options: Associate degree

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start programs, and school age programs.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for a variety of jobs in the electrical/electronic field as an on-the-job trainee or apprentice, assisting in the layout, installation, and maintenance of electrical/electronic systems.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for employment as engineering assistants or electronic technicians with job titles such as electronics engineering technician, field service technician, maintenance technician, electronic tester, electronic systems integrator, bench technician, instrumentation technician, and production control technician.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

ESTHETICS INSTRUCTORS
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be eligible to teach esthetics to others at an educational institution or private school. To enter the program, students must be a licensed esthetician or cosmetologist.

Degree Options: Certificate

ESTHETICS TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared to take the North Carolina Cosmetology State Board Licensing Exam and upon passing be licensed and qualify for employment in beauty and cosmetic/skin care salons, as a platform artist, and in other skin care-related fields.

Degree Options: Certificate

FILM AND VIDEO PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates may find employment as entry-level crew and/or production assistants in feature and short films, commercials, and industrial, educational, and documentary productions. Other opportunities include entry-level employment in pre-production and post-production areas for film and video.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

FIRE PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will earn a two-year associate degree and should qualify for employment or advancement in governmental agencies, industrial firms, insurance rating organizations, educational organizations, and municipal fire departments. Employed persons should have opportunities for skilled and supervisory-level positions within their current organizations.

Degree Options: Associate degree

HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Upon completion graduates will be prepared for supervisory or entry-level management positions in food and lodging including, front office, reservations, housekeeping, purchasing, dining room, and marketing. Opportunities are also available in the support areas of food and equipment sales.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for a variety of jobs involving the installation, testing, troubleshooting and maintenance of industrial equipment and facilities. Skills include hydraulics, welding, machining, blueprint reading and electrical wiring.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma and Certificate

INTERIOR DESIGN
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for a variety of jobs including residential and commercial interior design, showroom design, and sales positions for furniture, textiles and accessories, and all business dealing with interiors.

Degree Options: Associate degree

LANDSCAPE GARDENING
Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for employment opportunities in applied horticulture related to landscape development and maintenance for residential and commercial operations. Graduates will be prepared to take the North Carolina Pesticide Applicator’s Examination and the North Carolina Certified Plant Professional Examination.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Certificate

LANDSCAPE GARDENING (RETENTION POND MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE)
Where Graduates Get Jobs: The Retention Pond Management Certificate Program provides a heavy concentration of hands-on retention pond management experi-
ence using retention ponds at the CFCC North Campus. Students will learn how to select aquatic and wetland plants for use around a retention pond including planting, fertilization and pruning. Students will also learn the basics of aquatic and wetland weed management and pest control and will receive the N.C. Commercial Aquatic Pest Control license and the Commercial Pesticide Ground Applicators license.

**Degree Options:** Certificate

**LPN REFRESHER**

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared to apply for reinstatement of licensure by the North Carolina Board of Nursing. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, physicians’ offices, industry, and community health agencies.

**Degree Options:** Certificate

**MACHINING TECHNOLOGY**

(Computer Integrated Machining)

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Employment opportunities for machining technicians exist in manufacturing industries, public institutions, governmental agencies and in a wide range of specialty machining shops.

**Degree Options:** Associate degree, Certificate

**MANICURING/NAIL TECHNOLOGY**

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared to take the North Carolina Cosmetology State Board Licensing Exam and upon passing be licensed and qualify for employment in beauty and nail salons, as a platform artist, and in related businesses.

**Degree Options:** Certificate

**MARINE AND DIESEL MECHANICS**

(Heavy Equipment and Transport Technology)

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates of the curriculum will be prepared as marine diesel technicians which may be employed in marinas, shipyards, industrial and trucking industries.

**Degree Options:** Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

**MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Students will learn administrative and support functions and develop skills applicable in medical environments. Employment opportunities are available in medical and dental offices, hospitals, insurance companies, laboratories, medical supply companies, and other health-care related organizations.

**Degree Options:** Associate degree

**MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY**

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared to take National Registry Examinations in ultrasound physics and instrumentation and specialty examinations administered by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. Graduates may find employment in clinics, physicians’ offices, mobile services, equipment manufacturers, hospitals, and educational institutions.

**Degree Options:** Associate degree

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**Learn Real Estate at CFCC!**

The most recent class of CFCC real estate students earned a 100% pass rate on their state certification exams, far above the state average of 75%.*

*Three CFCC students were tested and all three passed on their first attempt!

**In-State Tuition & Fees:**

“Broker Prelicensing” $377,
“Real Estate Math” $160,
“Post Licensing” courses: $160 each

For more details, contact instructor Laurel Pettys at 362-7467 or e-mail lpettys@cfcc.edu.
MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for employment in hospitals, medical clinics, doctors’ offices, private transcription businesses, research facilities, insurance companies, and publishing companies. After acquiring work experience, individuals can apply to the American Association for Medical Transcription to become Certified Medical Transcriptionists.

Degree Options: Diploma

NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Upon completion of this program, graduates will be prepared as entry-level field service technicians in the nuclear power industry.

Degree Options: Associate degree

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared to take the national certification examination for practice as a certified occupational therapy assistant. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, long-term/extended care facilities, sheltered workshops, schools, home health programs, and community programs. Successful completion of the program is required for certification and licensure.

Degree Options: Associate degree

PARALEGAL TECHNOLOGY

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates are trained to assist attorneys in probate work, investigations, public records search, drafting and filing legal documents, research, and office management. Employment opportunities are available in private law firms, governmental agencies, banks, insurance agencies, and other business organizations.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate

PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates may be employed in hospitals, nursing homes, private and chain drug stores, research laboratories, wholesale drug companies, and pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities. Graduates will qualify to take the National Certification Examination developed by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

Degree Options: Diploma

PHLEBOTOMY

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for employment in hospitals, clinics, physician’s offices, and other health care settings and may be eligible for national certification as phlebotomy technicians.

Degree Options: Certificate

PLUMBING - New!

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared for employment with parts suppliers, maintenance departments and plumbing contractors to assist with various plumbing applications.

Degree Options: Diploma

PRACTICAL NURSING

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates will be prepared to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians’ offices.

Degree Options: Diploma

RADIOGRAPHY

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates of the program will be prepared to apply to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists’ national examination for certification and registration as medical radiographers. Graduates may be employed in hospitals, clinics, physicians’ offices, medical laboratories, government agencies, and industry.

Degree Options: Associate degree

REAL ESTATE

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates who have passed the real estate license examination and obtained a real estate provisional broker license then qualify for removal of the provisional status and are able to provide basic, residential real estate services as a broker affiliated with a real estate brokerage firm.

Degree Options: Certificate

SUSTAINABILITY TECHNOLOGIES

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates should qualify for positions within the alternative energy, construction, environmental, and/or manufacturing industries. Employment opportunities exist in both the government and private industry sectors where graduates may function as manufacturing technicians, sustainability consultants, environmental technicians, or green building supervisors.

Degree Options: Associate degree, Certificate

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates of accredited programs will be prepared to apply to take the national certification exam for Surgical Technologists which is administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting. Employment opportunities include labor/delivery/emergency department, inpatient/outpatient surgery center, dialysis units/facilities, physicians’ offices, and central supply processing units.

Degree Options: Associate degree

TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Graduates of the curriculum will be qualified to take the Commercial Driver’s License exam and employable by commercial trucking firms. They may also become owner-operators and work as private contract haulers.

Degree Options: Certificate

WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Where Graduates Get Jobs: Successful graduates of the Welding Technology curriculum will be prepared to work as entry level technicians in welding and metalworking industries. Career opportunities also exist in construction, manufacturing, fabrication, sales, quality control, supervision, and welding-related self-employment.

Degree Options: Diploma, Certificate
After nearly two decades as the president of Cape Fear Community College, Dr. Eric B. McKeithan retired from the college on June 30.

On June 25, over 350 college employees and retirees gathered for a retirement party to bid farewell to CFCC’s fourth president, described as a “transformational leader” who guided the institution out of stagnation to become one of the most dynamic colleges in the state.

McKeithan’s unconventional arrival at the event set the tone for the evening, which was highlighted by surprises, humor and sentiment. Instead of being picked up by a limo or taxi, he and his wife Bernetta got a surprise when one of CFCC’s 18-wheelers idled outside of their house to drive them to the party.

McKeithan said that although he’d been president of two community colleges with a truck driver training program (Caldwell and Cape Fear Community College), he’d never actually ridden in a big rig, and was thrilled to have finally had that experience.

Upon arrival, the couple was greeted by a crowd of guests made up of current and retired employees who gathered on the front lawn of the Emmart and Burnett buildings on Water St.

An evening of dinner and dancing took place under three tents behind the college’s buildings along the Cape Fear River.

After dinner, several speakers described their time working with Dr. McKeithan as a “rocket ride.” Throughout the 18 years under McKeithan, the college campus and academic offerings have dramatically expanded.

Former dean of technical education Bob Philpott remarked that the struggles of those early days are now long gone. With the continued support of the local community, CFCC is thriving. Enrollment has grown to nearly 30,000 students a year, new classroom buildings are under construction and additional programs are on the horizon.

He considers the success of the 2008 $164-million bond referendum a strong indication of how far the college has come.

The gratification for me is seeing graduates getting good jobs and moving on to four-year universities to change their lives.”

- Dr. Eric McKeithan

The greatest sense of accomplishment I have is that Cape Fear is a very strong institution. When voters went to the polls like they did in 2008 and approved a $164 million bond referendum when gasoline was $4 a gallon, the stock market had tanked and when companies were closing and laying off workers, that’s an indication that the college is doing what it’s here to do,” McKeithan said.

“I wish I had come to Cape Fear sooner,” McKeithan said.

McKeithan says he knows that the new president, whoever that may be, will really enjoy working at Cape Fear Community College.

“CFCC has unprecedented support from the community,” McKeithan said.

“I can’t wait to see what happens next.”
Dr. Frank Sells Begins Term As CFCC’s Interim President

As CFCC trustees continue to search for a permanent replacement for retired president Dr. Eric McKeithan, longtime educational administrator and former community college president Dr. Frank Sells was selected to serve as CFCC’s interim president.

Dr. Sells said that he is thankful for the opportunity to serve the college and he plans to work with the administrative team to maintain and sustain the excellent quality of service that CFCC provides.

“I’m very honored and excited to be a part of the Cape Fear family and I look forward to meeting as many of the faculty, staff and students as I can,” Dr. Sells stated.

The position of interim president will be a familiar role for Dr. Sells. He has decades of experience in educational leadership and last year served as the interim president at Brunswick Community College for six months.

Previously, Dr. Sells served as the president of Surry Community College in Dobson from 1999-2008. Before working with the community colleges in North Carolina, Dr. Sells served as associate superintendent and superintendent for Stokes County Schools. He was also a teacher and principal at Roanoke County Schools in Virginia.

Dr. Sells holds an Ed. D. in school administration from Virginia Tech, an Ed. S. from Appalachian State University, a master’s degree from East Tennessee State University and a bachelor’s degree from Milligan College in Tennessee.

Dr. Sells will serve until a permanent CFCC president is selected and begins working at the college.

The search process began earlier this year after Dr. McKeithan announced his retirement. After the trustees met to establish a position description along with a list of desired qualifications, the position was advertised all over the nation.

When the deadline for applications had closed in May, the college received 41 applications from prospective presidential candidates, 13 of which came from current college presidents from 20 different states and Canada.

A diverse 23-member search committee was formed to narrow down the number of candidates to 12 and then to the final five.

At the time of publication, CFCC trustees had narrowed the presidential search down to five finalists and plan to begin interviews in late July.

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18 years of progress and growth

**CFCC: Then and Now**

It’s no question that the next CFCC president will have big shoes to fill. Dr. McKeithan’s tenure at CFCC has seen the largest period of growth in enrollment, academic programs and facilities in the college’s history.

In addition to the growth, the college continues to provide a very high quality level of service. In 2007, CFCC received a flawless accreditation review from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges - a major achievement for an institution of any size.

Here’s a snapshot of what CFCC looked like before and after Dr. McKeithan became president:

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Jay Taylor likes Cape Fear Community College. So does his dad, James (who goes by “Jay”), his mom, Anita, his sister, Kimberlee, and his daughter, Carrie.

Five members of the Taylor family from three different generations have walked the halls of CFCC, a fact that makes Jay Taylor smile.

He says his family’s love for the college is simple, “It’s local, it’s convenient, and it’s a great school. We’ve all had positive experiences at CFCC.”

Taylor first enrolled at CFCC in 2006. At 35, he was a newly single dad, going back to school for the first time. “I was terrified,” Taylor said, “the last time I was in school, we used real typewriters. But everyone I encountered at CFCC put me at ease. I felt like each person I dealt with really took the time to listen and help. The instructors were supportive and knowledgeable, and I quickly found a study group where I developed friendships. In fact, I still keep in touch with some of the people I met.”

“The schedule worked well for me, too. CFCC really accommodates non-traditional students. I wouldn’t have been able to complete my studies at CFCC and transfer to UNCW if I hadn’t been able to take classes at night and online.”

At CFCC, Taylor double majored in Psychology and Sociology. He also earned an Associate’s Degree in History before transferring to UNCW. “CFCC was a great choice for me, because the support and encouragement I found there helped me find the strength to follow through.”

CFCC was a great choice for Taylor’s parents, too. Jay’s father, also known as “Jay”, studied machining at Cape Fear Community College when it was known as Cape Fear Tech. He was recruited by GE while finishing up his coursework, and has recently retired after 35 years with the company.

Taylor’s mother, Anita, also attended Cape Fear Tech, where she took business classes. Taylor says her coursework helped her to quickly gain employment, and to eventually open her own business.

Taylor’s sister, Kimberlee, attended CFCC and got her Associates in Office Systems. Kimberlee is the Assistant to the Carolina Beach’s Sherriff and Fire Chief.

The latest member of the Taylor family to attend CFCC is Carrie, Taylor’s daughter, who is currently studying Psychology at CFCC. She plans to follow in her father’s footsteps and transfer to UNCW to pursue a degree in the Psychology. Jay says he encourages Carrie to “stick with it. Use the resources that CFCC offers – there’s a wealth there. Take advantage.”

Today, Jay Taylor works in the mental health field in Wilmington. He loves his job, and plans to pursue his Master’s Degree in Social Work at UNCW this fall. He says working in mental health can be challenging, but “making a difference in one person’s life makes everything worthwhile.” He hopes to eventually open his own practice, and ultimately, for Carrie to take over. “Then I can retire,” says Taylor.

Taylor is impressed with all the changes happening at Cape Fear Community College. “I’m excited to see all the growth, because I know what CFCC has done for me and for my family. I hope that as the college continues to grow, many other students will benefit.”

He hopes that CFCC’s continued growth will mean more hands-on, specialized training opportunities for students. “I’d love to see more specialized classes, in psychology especially,” said Taylor.

Taylor’s says his motto is “Anything you do to better yourself helps you to better your community.”

He added by saying, “I think the perfect place to do both is Cape Fear Community College.”
Students Earns Top Awards at Phi Theta Kappa Conference

CFCC's Alpha Chi Sigma Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society earned 19 awards this year at the 2012 Carolinas Regional meeting on March 17.

Among the awards presented were the Most Distinguished College Project, Most Distinguished Officer Team and the group earned a 5-star rating.

Richard Groves was selected as a 2012 Coca-Cola Silver Scholar based on scores earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition.

CFCC's chapter president Christopher Kennedy was named a 2012 Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar.

At the national conference held on April 14, the group was ranked as a Top 100 Chapter.

In addition, CFCC President Dr. Eric McKeithan was selected to receive a Michael C. Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award.

For more details on all the awards, visit www.cfcc.edu/clubs/ptk.

CFCC's 2011-2012 Phi Theta Kappa Chapter officers:


Front row: Donna Stamm, Christopher Kennedy, Elizabeth Boswell, Anissa Lewis and Jennifer Williams

CFCC Cosmetology Program Named “School of the Year”

Students from CFCC's cosmetology program won 17 awards, including “School of the Year” at the 2012 Association of Cosmetology Salon Professionals Competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on April 21.

For more details about CFCC's cosmetology program, visit www.cfcc.edu/cosmetology.
CFCC to Offer New Evening Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Starting This Fall

by Sonya Johnson, Assistant Public Information Officer

This fall, CFCC will expand the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program to offer night classes so that more students will be able to enroll.

The night program will begin October 22nd, and run through June 7th. Students will attend classes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, as well as on every other Saturday.

According to BLET Director, John Ward, “The night BLET program is geared toward people who want to change their careers, but need to keep working during the day. We want to make sure we’re accommodating as many people as possible.”

Corporal Ervin Pllaha said he would definitely recommend CFCC’s BLET program to anyone interested in law enforcement.

“You’ve got to know the laws before you can enforce them. BLET is not an easy program, you’ve got to work hard and spend a lot of time with it, but it’s worth it. The instructors really spend a lot of time with you, and make sure you’re getting everything you need,” Pllaha said.

Corporal Pllaha came to the United States from Albania as an exchange student in 1996. He enlisted in the Marines a few months before September 11, 2001, and was part of the first wave of combat troops to go to Iraq when the war began in 2003. Pllaha served two tours of duty in Iraq. He liked the marines. He liked the structure, the kinship, and he truly felt a duty to serve.

After his second tour, Pllaha moved to Wilmington and contacted the Sherriff’s Department. He was offered a job with the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office as a Detention Officer at the New Hanover County Detention Facility.

Soon after, the New Hanover County Sherriff’s office suggested that Pllaha enroll in the BLET program at Cape Fear Community College.

The New Hanover County Sherriff’s Department fully sponsored Pllaha’s studies, providing payment for tuition, books, and fees.

Today, Pllaha has earned the rank of Corporal in the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Department, and is a full-time member of the patrol division’s Emergency Response Team (ERT), where he is a precision rifleman.

Now, one of Pllaha’s goals is to become a BLET instructor himself. He has just earned his General Instructor’s certificate, and hopes to earn specialty instructor certifications, in both physical training and firearms.

Corporal Pllaha has some advice for those considering CFCC’s BLET program, “Teamwork: you’re not going to make it through BLET by yourself. Working together is what gets you through.”

Pllaha’s success story is one that CFCC would like to see repeated for many others in our community.

For more information about this program, please visit www.cfcc.edu or call John Ward, BLET Director, at 362-7781.

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Area residents planning to start their own business or seeking advice for their established business have a great resource in Cape Fear Community College’s Small Business Center (SBC).

The SBC has four primary functions: to provide one on one counseling to people who are considering starting their own business, to advise existing small businesses, to provide educational opportunities for small businesses, and to coordinate area events for state organizations. Most of the center’s services are free.

Doug Tarble, CFCC’s Small Business Center Coordinator, loves his job. “I can drive around town and see businesses that the SBC helped get their start. That’s a good feeling.”

Tarble meets with 150 to 200 people each year. He begins the advising process with a 1 to 2 hour meeting. During that initial meeting, Tarble and his clients discuss the business idea, financing, and all the things that need to be considered to move forward.

“Many times, there’s only one meeting,” says Tarble, “I don’t sugarcoat anything. But, if clients decide to move forward, the relationship can continue indefinitely.”

It’s Tarble’s frank advice that clients of the SBC find so valuable.

“Doug really helped with fine tuning my thought process; he asked pertinent questions to make sure I thought of the many aspects of opening a business: budget, location, employees, cash flow, marketing, target market, demographics, etc.,” said Lauren Farraher, owner of Sage Salon & Spa.

“Doug and I met numerous times to go over my business plan and work out any kinks.”

The center also hosts 60 to 70 free seminars each year. The courses vary annually, but usually include topics like Effective Marketing, How to Write a Business Plan, and How to Hire the Right People. The center usually hosts between 1500 and 2000 people at seminars each year.

“The seminars are informative, and I think it’s great that there is somewhere in Wilmington that provides free education and support for small businesses. I would recommend that any small business owner utilize the services that the SBC provides,” said Farraher.

The Small Business Center also offers short courses, which are available for a fee.

This fall, Tarble is excited to announce the return of a sustainable agricultural farming course, called “How to Grow Your Own Food and Make a Profit”, which was also offered last year.

“This will be an 8-week course designed to teach anyone how to do organic farming on small plots of land - one acre or less. It’s a great way to supplement your income,” said Tarble.

The class starts September 19th and runs through November 7th. The cost is $68. It will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm until 9:00pm.

For more information, please contact the CFCC Small Business Center at sbc@cfcc.edu or call (910) 362-7216.

Small Business Center Helps Start Local Businesses

by Sonya Johnson, Assistant Public Information Officer

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CFCC Foundation Surpasses Fundraising Goal
Despite challenging economy, Wilmington community continues to support CFCC students

by Dana McKoy, CFCC Foundation Coordinator of Donor and Alumni Relations

The Cape Fear Community College Foundation has raised over $1.3 million for student scholarships and academic program support for the year.

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“I am thrilled to say that we surpassed our fundraising goal of $1.2 million which was set by our Board of Directors at the beginning of the 2011-12 budget year,” said Margaret Robison, executive director of the CFCC Foundation.

Robison is quick to point out this accomplishment is a group effort. “First, we must thank our dedicated board members for continually expanding CFCC’s network of support in the community and for their personal commitment to bettering the futures of our students,” said Robison.

“We must also thank the generous employees of CFCC who exemplify quality education in their daily work and internally set the example of supporting students with an amazing 80 percent giving rate.”

In an academic year that has been marked locally with double-digit unemployment, above-average gas prices and lagging home sales, CFCC enrollment remained strong as many residents returned to classes with the hope of increasing their employment prospects.

And despite the challenging economy, the Wilmington community has continued to show support for college education.

“We are touched by the ongoing efforts of individuals, corporations, foundations and civic organizations who continue to invest in our students,” said Robison.

“Their financial support is a direct testament to their belief that community college education and work force training are essential to the success of our local economy.”

Runners prepare to start the NewBridge Bank “Bridge to Bridge 4.0 Run”, which raised $10,000 for student scholarships on June 14.

At left: CFCC student David Wilson speaks to the guests at the 2012 Gift of Education luncheon, which raised $225,000 for the CFCC Foundation. Above: Randy Kibler, CEO of Bojangles’ Famous Chicken ‘n Biscuits was the keynote speaker at the Gift of Education luncheon on May 17.
CFCC Women’s Basketball Poised for Opening Season

by Sonya Johnson, Assistant Public Information Officer

It’s still a few months until the first game, but Coach Lori Drake is excited. Her players are already working out, preparing for the pre-season, getting ready. This will be the first season, first game, first everything for Women’s Basketball at Cape Fear Community College. It’s the beginning of a new era for women’s sports at CFCC.

The first game will be November 3rd at 2pm at Greensboro College. Coach Drake already has great confidence in her team. “I’ve found a group of very talented players: bright young ladies, hard workers, with winning mentalities,” says Drake. She has been impressed her team’s dedication and desire to get better on their own – even in the off-season.

Coach Drake knows what it takes to be a successful student athlete, and has the background and skills to inspire confidence in her team. As an outstanding player at Seward Community College, at UNCW and with the United Kingdom’s Solent Suns, Drake has done it all. She knows from experience that being a student athlete can be tough.

“As a student athlete, you must balance your academics and athletics. We push academics hard here at CFCC, but we also expect our athletes to perform at a high level when they step on the court.” Drake says part of her job is “making sure my players are learning and developing. Playing at the junior college level is a route for these players, and eventually their route will lead many of them to a four-year school. I need to make sure that their game is prepped and ready for what the future holds.”

Drake started playing basketball at age six. Growing up, she dreamed of someday being a college coach. Even when she left to play professionally in the United Kingdom, she knew she wanted to someday return to Wilmington.

“Who wouldn’t want to live in paradise every day?” Drake said.

She was also excited about the chance to start something new.

“I love Cape Fear Community College,” says Drake, “I couldn’t pass up an opportunity to start a new collegiate women’s basketball program here and to make history at CFCC. I feel that the community is excited about Cape Fear Women’s Basketball and I know for a fact we’ll have tons of support from our Sea Devil fans.”

Drake’s years of experience on the court have influenced her coaching style. She draws inspiration from two of her favorite former coaches: Ann Hancock, her coach at UNCW, and Michael Ball, Drake’s coach when she played professionally in the United Kingdom. Drake says Hancock challenged her to be the best player she could be and really believed in her abilities.

“When a coach believes in you,” Drake says, “it means more than anything in the entire world.” Drake says that Michael Ball was a tough competitor. “Coach Ball would fight to the end to be successful and win.”

Drake says her style is “positive and encouraging, with an up-tempo, but under-control offense, and an in-your-face full denial defense.”

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- Lori Drake

She adds “Being a player and a coach are two completely different things, mainly because as a player you don’t always see what you are doing right and wrong on the court until you watch yourself on film, but as a coach you see it all right as it’s happening. The most challenging aspects of the game for me as a coach are to make sure I have the right players on the court at the right time, that I have the right combination on the court together, and that I am calling the right plays in each game.”

Coach Drake knows the first season won’t be easy, but she has high expectations. She wants to build a solid foundation for the new program, and she wants to win.

“We want to win Regionals, we want to go to Nationals, and we want to be one of the top teams in the country for Division II Junior College basketball. Our goal for this season is to be ‘One Beat’ on and off the court. If we are all on the same beat, same sound, and same rhythm, then being successful will not be a problem,” Drake said.
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