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Message from the **President**

The 2022-2023 Annual Community Report finds me in the fourth year as president of this incredible institution. If you do the math, that means I arrived shortly before the onset of a worldwide pandemic. To say that has made my presidency interesting definitely would be an understatement. I can honestly say, though, that I would not have wanted to be anywhere else. Leading TEAM NASH, the 430+ people who work here, continues to be my honor and good fortune.

Nash Community College continues to weather the post-pandemic world very well, thanks to the dedication of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and, as importantly, our students. We have suffered enrollment loss as have many of our sister colleges across the country, but we are coming back strong and will continue to be the rock of Eastern North Carolina for decades to come.

We take immense pride in our impact on Nash County. This academic year, we have served 16,007 students in our four areas of study: Continuing Education, Career and Technical Education, University Transfer, and Adult Basic Education. This is the largest number of students ever served since the college opened in 1967. Beyond the impact on students, the college has a very large annual economic impact on Nash County. The area of impact is \$86,000,000 (\$22,000,000 million direct, and \$64,000,000 million attributed to the college being here since 1967). This value represents a 30-to-1 return on funding investment for Nash County, and a 3 to 1 return on funding for the state of North Carolina. While numbers like those above are impressive, the most impressive to me is that 1 out of every 38 jobs in our county has been touched by the college. Taken together, Nash Community College has a truly significant impact on many levels, not only on Nash County, but on the entire region surrounding the county.

Our college has participated in SkillsUSA for 13 years. SkillsUSA is a program that instills workplace success skills into the classroom. This year, we adopted the program college-wide, and even developed the "Skillabus" (not just a syllabus) to assist instructors in implementing this valuable program into their classes. The SkillsUSA framework teaches for success in three areas: Workplace Skills, Personal Skills, and Technical Skills. Each year, our SkillsUSA Team competes at the state level. Any competitor winning a gold medal at state is eligible to compete in the National SkillsUSA Competition held every summer in Atlanta, Georgia. This year, two of our incredible students competed at Nationals and both brought home silver medals...yes, that means they both ranked #2 in the nation...very impressive! Add to that, our entire SkillsUSA Team was awarded the largest honor in the program. We were one of eight schools in the nation (and the only school in North Carolina) to be honored as a Model of Excellence for Workplace Skills. When considering all who compete for this prestigious honor, it placed Nash in the top 0.01% of schools in the nation. We are extremely proud of all our students and advisors who continue to make SkillsUSA such an integral part of our college!

To sum up the 2022-2023 academic year I can use one word...RESILIENCY! Our faculty, staff, and students have demonstrated, and continue to demonstrate, true and incredible resiliency. All have overcome so many obstacles since the onset of the pandemic in 2020 and have done so with incredible strength of spirit and grace. I remain so very proud to be the leader of this awesome...incredibly awesome...team: TEAM NASH!

We all look forward to the next academic year and the many that come after it. We want everyone who reads this annual report to know that we are here to assist you at any time! We literally have something for everyone! We are Nash County's community college, and as we are fond of saying at Nash Community College...Nighthawks Forward!!

Best Regards,

Lew K. Hunnicutt, Ph. D. Nash Community College President

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Message from the Board Chair

The 2022/2023 school year was exciting on many levels, was a huge success and was a welcome return to normality after the

A poll of our community's manufacturing, healthcare, public safety, hospitality, and small business industries and professionals would find that a large number are staffed with, managed, or operated by Nash Community College graduates. Many of our students train at NCC and remain in our Twin Counties to live, work, and contribute to our area.

By living and working in the Twin Counties, these highly trained and specialized employees contribute significantly to the local economic development and quality of life we enjoy.

Having served on the Board of Trustees for more than 15 years, I have witnessed the impact NCC has on the regional workforce. This impact continues to grow in leaps and bounds and even caught the attention of the President and First Lady who visited our campus in June! I am proud to

be part of the governing body of an institution that serves the needs of our community with distinction.

Since 1967, NCC has grown strategically in its programs, student enrollment, and campus facilities in order to meet the developing needs of the community. The Board continues its commitment to guiding the college and securing the resources for programs and services to support NCC's mission.

We are fortunate to live in a community that appreciates the importance of NCC to the area and supports its growth. The value NCC alums have provided to the economic prosperity and the betterment of our community will be realized for generations.

Sincerely,

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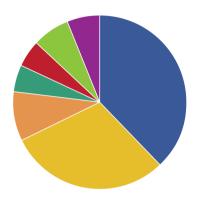


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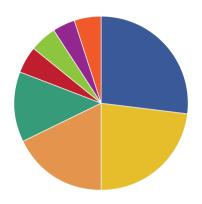
Nash Community College By the Numbers



CONTINUING EDUCATION

5.870 Students

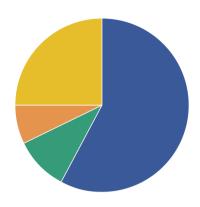
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Occupational	38%
Criminal Justice	30%
Emergency Management	9%
Fire & Rescue Services	5%
Health Occupations	5%
Human Resources Development	7%
Basic Skills	6%



CURRICULUM PROGRAMS

3,367 Students

Transfer	27%
College & Career Promise	23%
Allied Health	18%
Business	13%
Public Services	5%
Applied Engineering	5%
Fire & Emergency Services	4%
Electric Line Construction	5%



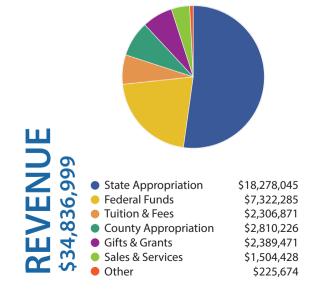
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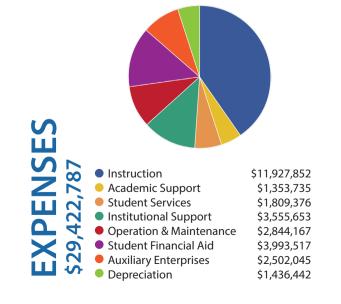
Nash 58% Edgecombe 10% Wilson 7% Other 25%

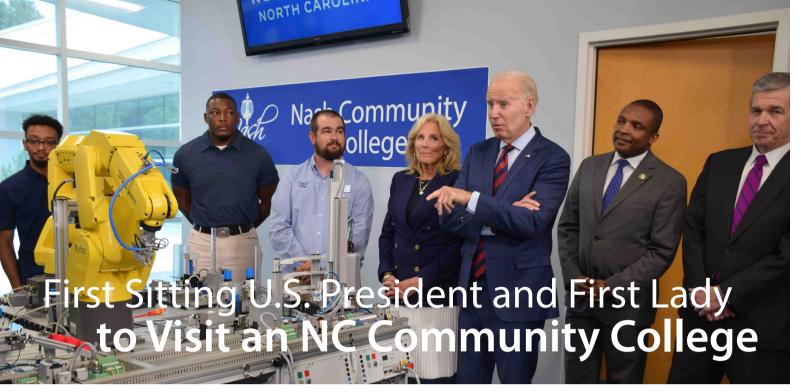
Total Graduates 578

Total Enrollment 9,237

*This report reflects an unduplicated count of 2022-2023 enrollment totals







Nash Community College hosted President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden in a presidential visit on June 9.

NCC President Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt was beyond excited about the visit because of what it would mean to all the students and to validate once again what he knows in his heart about the true impact of NCC. "We are truly excited that both the President and Dr. Biden chose to visit NCC. The fact that both chose to visit is humbling to me and my entire team, Team Nash."

President Biden and Dr. Biden spoke about how careerconnected learning and workforce training programs are preparing students for good-paying jobs in North Carolina and throughout the country. Dr. Hunnicutt expressed that the Bidens' visit was a compliment for quality of technical and workforce development opportunities that NCC provides.

"Their focus on workforce development allows us to highlight what we and all 57 other community colleges within the North Carolina Community College System do best -- we train skilled workers for the growing North Carolina economy."

Jason Brannan, Instructor of Computer-Integrated Machining at NCC, Wanda Tyson, Director of Applied Engineering Technologies at NCC, and NCC Industrial Systems students gave President Biden, Dr. Biden, Governor Roy Cooper, and Congressman Don Davis a tour and demonstration of the Advanced Manufacturing Robotics System.

"We are so incredibly proud of all our students and the work we do here at NCC," said Alex Barnhill, Dean of Curriculum Career and Technical Education at NCC.









Dr. Hunnicutt expressed that NCC continues to support the needs of workforce development throughout core areas of the world and economy to train, grow, and develop our future leaders of Nash County and America. "At NCC, our students leave us with the skills required to directly enter and succeed in the local, state, and regional workforce."

One of the most remarkable events during this visit was that a 19-year-old C.I.T.I High School Graduate, America Alonso-Gomez, introduced the President of the United States, an experience that she will never forget. "We presented two students to the White House as potentials to deliver an introductory speech for President Biden, and it was an easy choice for them as her name is literally "America." It doesn't get any better than that," said Dr. Hunnicutt.

For a visit that is already history in motion, Dr. Biden also held Alonso-Gomez's hand as she introduced America to the podium to deliver her opening speech and introduction of President Biden.

"My dad may just be the proudest of this whole thing; if he could, he'd get a megaphone and tell as many people as possible," said Alonso-Gomez.

Dr. Biden notes their support of community colleges and that institutions like NCC are some of the best-kept secrets in the world because of their true impact on education, the economy and the world as a whole.

In greater fashion, NCC is the first to do it.

"Our understanding is that this may be the first time a sitting U.S. President and First Lady have visited a community college at the same time, and that is a great source of pride for all of us on Team Nash," said Dr. Hunnicutt.







Nash Community College was named one of the nation's Models of Excellence for 2023, the highest and competitive recognition for excellence in competitions and curriculum from SkillsUSA.

"Over the last several years, our SkillsUSA team has been awarded Gold Chapter Distinction honors, but even greater this year, we have been named a Model of Excellence," said Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt, President of NCC. "This honor shows that our curriculum, instructors, and SkillsUSA team continue to be dedicated to the best quality of framework skills that have a lasting impact on society."

NCC is one of only 24 schools across the country (and the only one in North Carolina) to receive this recognition.

Eight schools are named in each SkillsUSA framework area: Personal Skills, Technical Skills, and Workplace Skills. As one of eight schools, NCC placed in the top 0.01% of schools in the nation. The college received its honor in the Workplace Skills category. Among other notable recipients, students Josiah Carpenter (Electronics) and Hannah Nguyen (Job Interview) placed 1 st in their respective competitions at the SkillsUSA North Carolina Championship Conference.

The Models of Excellence program promotes the intentional learning of personal, workplace and technical skills outlined in the SkillsUSA Framework for student development. Specific characteristics defined within each skill area help ensure tangible benchmarks for student achievement and chapter programming.

NCC competed in the SkillUSA North Carolina Championship Conference, held in Greensboro, North Carolina, at the Greensboro Coliseum and Koury Convention Center (April 18-20). Students competed in hands-on trade, technical and leadership contests spanning over 95 trade areas.

NCC also won the 100-member club award and Gold Chapter of Distinction.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and for further education. SkillsUSA was formerly known as VICA (the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

Achievement is measured by the effectiveness of student efforts in implementing essential workplace skills including personal responsibility, integrity, work ethic and organization in chapter activities. The hands-on approach of this program actualizes the SkillsUSA mission of empowering members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

In addition to all the outstanding work of every advisor and student participant, NCC also adopted the program collegewide and, in a much larger sense, developed the "Skillabus" to assist instructors in implementing this valuable program into their classes that will be promoted across the country as a guide for other schools.





The National Leadership and Skills Conference took place in Atlanta in June 19-23, as part of the 59th SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. During the conference over 15,000 people attended the conference, with over 6500 outstanding career and technical education student state contest winners competing in 110 different hands-on trade, technical and leadership contests.

Of 510 North Carolinians that participated in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference there were 45 high schools, 22 community colleges, and 4 middle schools.

During the competition, Team Nash students worked against the clock and each other, providing their expertise in occupations like electronics and the art of job interviewing. In addition, other students participated in numerous areas including computer-aided drafting, precision machining, automotive, welding, medical assisting, cosmetology and culinary arts. All contests are led by aid industry



professionals, as they set test competencies for participants. Leadership contestants also demonstrated their skills in several Leadership Development competitions, including prepared and extemporaneous

speaking and engaging in individual and team presentations.

North Carolina was very well represented in the SkillsUSA Championships, earning a total of 76 medallions. Students earned 22 gold, 35 silver, and 19 bronze medallions.

Our students placed 2nd at the SkillsUSA national champion competition! A huge accomplishment as Josiah Carpenter and Hannah Nguyen both won silver medals, solidifying themselves as one of the top 3 competitors in the entire country.

Carpenter won Silver and received a Skill Point Proficiency Certificate in the Electronics Technology competition, while Nguyen won Silver and received a Skill Point Proficiency Certificate in the Job Interview competition.

In the MOE presentations, Adrienne Williamson and Matthew Sessoms represented Nash Community College. 781 chapters applied for the Chapter of Excellence. 24 schools were chosen for Models of Excellence.

Nash Community College was 1 of 8 schools chosen for Workplace Skills.



College Supports Students' Growth

As Nash Community College continues to develop new and innovative ways to provide a high-quality education for students while meeting the growing demand in the industrial job market, the NC A&T State University-sponsored STEPS4GROWTH couldn't have happened at a better time.

NCC provides training to meet the unique needs of employers in sectors including manufacturing, technology, and automotive. The STEPS4GROWTH program, led by facilitator Rhonda High, combines all three as students/pre-apprentices get an opportunity to receive hands-on training in either the Advanced Manufacturing or Electric Vehicle industry, including work in Nash County.

High, in addition to her role as facilitator, is a full-time employee with NCC as the Director of Corporate Training. "Them being involved in the visit by President Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden in June (2023), are the exact type of experiences that shape the outlook of our preapprentices." In August 2022, NC A&T was awarded funding to build the N.C. Clean Energy Workforce efforts as STEPS4GROWTH, a 4-year, \$23.7 million initiative funded by the Department of Commerce's Good Jobs Challenge and led by the Center for Energy Research & Tech at NC A&T State University. The program is a Comprehensive Clean Energy Workforce Development Project for N.C. and the U.S. focused on entry-level participants from high schools and community colleges (those who need to be reskilled and those displaced workers).

NCC partnered and participated in the CLEAN VEHICLE region. The region hosted three community colleges: Nash Community College, Edgecombe Community College, and Wilson Community College. Each community college provided 96 hours of Continuing Education courses in June 2023 and hosted employer partners for the 'On-the-Job' experience in July.

Nash Community College also hosts an Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship with employer partner Rocky Mount Engine Plant – CUMMINS. Six graduates (Summer of 2023 – rising seniors and graduates) are enrolled in the program. Each participant was paid \$15/

hr. stipend for 176 hours; received transportation to/from class; daily lunch; personal protective equipment (donated by N.C. Department of Transportation, NC Electric Cooperatives, and the City of Wilson); and five stackable credentials (Bronze CRC/Workkeys, Working Smart, OSHA, Lean 6 Sigma (Yellow Belt), and Pre-Apprenticeship Certification).

"Each apprentice involved in this received a life-changing education and experience that will set them up for success as they enter the workforce," said Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt, NCC President. "We still promote degrees, but just as good and increasingly better appeal throughout the workforce development industry trend is certifications; the more certifications, the better off you are in a labor-intensive job market and not to mention in our industrial county."



In March 2023, Nash Community College and Nash County Public Schools (NCPS) launched a renewed workforce development partnership. The Work In Nash (WIN) Academy is a product of that partnership and framed to address the local labor shortages and skill gaps.

In June 2023, 16 students graduated from the academy's first class.

An engaging way to catch recent graduates that aren't quite sure what they want to do, the WIN Academy is a unique avenue presented through a three-week program immediately to educate students on the skills required to be successful in the workplace.

"It's simple. What we have learned from industry professionals is that they don't need us to teach future employees how to do the job; instead, they need us to help them learn the needed soft skills to be successful in the workplace," said Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt, NCC President.

The concept is that the insights learned from the academy are a "win" for Nash County and its participants. Rocky Mount High School, Northern Nash High School, Nash Central High School, and Southern Nash High School each hosted a WIN Academy, and students attended the academy at the same high school they recently graduated.

Dr. Steve Ellis, the superintendent of NCPS, expressed, "Our mission is to consistently offer a high-quality education to every student in Nash County Public Schools. The establishment of this academy further demonstrates the strong partnership between NCPS and NCC, and I eagerly anticipate the next class."

The courseload is designed to cover a list of skills across the board like dependability, reliability, adaptability, effective communication, cultural awareness, developing empathy, dealing with conflict, stress management, time management, and goal setting.

NCC Dean of Continuing Education Carla Dunston believes a core factor is that we should prepare students to secure and maintain employment. "Students participate in various activities such as personal and career assessments, creating a personal brand, researching potential career paths, writing resumes and cover letters, and completing job applications."

Businesses and industries in the area have established a partnership with the academy to guarantee interviews for individuals who complete the WIN Academy, "We are grateful for the generosity of our local companies who volunteer their time to provide tours and presentations to the students," said Dunston.

The academy toured and participated in activities with Edwards, Belt Concept, Freedom Industries, Rocky Mount Electric Motors, Cummins, Belt Concept, FirstWave, LS Cable & System, Mullen & Co., Poppies, Pfizer, and Sara Lee.

Dr. Hunnicutt knows that meaningful relationship building and experiences in interviews (as they would in the professional world) will greatly enhance the graduates' chance to become employed in their career of interest.

"It doesn't just help us deliver a better learning environment, but it also benefits the businesses because they can gain exposure to eager potential employees each year with priority access to academy participants."

NCC and NCPS are excited for the second class and are always looking to improve. "We are eager to do this again, and now that the first class has been successful, we know what works well and what needs some massaging," said Dunston. "Our team is always searching for better tools and tactics to serve our students; the WIN Academy is no different."

After completing the academy, multiple students were offered jobs at various participating organizations. That is the exact result that the WIN Academy works towards. Success.

2023 Awards



Renee Martinez 2023 J. Edgar and Peggie T. Moore Staff Award

"Martinez often goes above and beyond the duties asked of her," her peer nominator shared, "assisting students during holiday breaks or weekends. Her willingness to work long hours on evenings and weekends is just one way she shows her devotion to the students and our institution. Her service to the community is displayed by her engagement with Nash County Public Schools and her eagerness to attend community events to represent the college."



Dr. Lew Hunnicutt, NCC President with recipients Krysti Coppock, Instructor, Nursing/Simulation Lab Coordinator; Heather Moore, Instructor, College & Career Readiness; Jim Thomas, Director, In-Service Training; Shreail Hinton, Success Coach and Nahel Awadallah, Instructor, Biology.



George Le Chevallier 2023 J. Edgar and Peggie T. Moore Excellence in Teaching Award

"It is my belief that a teacher's knowledge and positive influence can guide students in continued growth even after they leave the structured classroom environment. With this, I have developed pillars to my philosophy, including compassion, organization, communication, entertainment and inclusivity," said Le Chevallier. Georges was also awarded the 2023 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Individual Artist Grant for his abstract mixed media paintings.

2023 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award recipients

The following employees were nominated by peers and selected based on their proven commitment to high performance and extraordinary service to Nash Community College, its students and the community.

These employees have demonstrated excellence inside and outside of the classroom to support Nash Community College students, employees and the community. Nominations recognized the recipients' mentorship of colleagues and students, individualized student support and passion for teaching and learning. As a member of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, NCC has been honoring faculty, staff and administrators with this annual award of recognition since 1992.



Campus Celebrates College's 55th Birthday

Nash Community College President Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt, along with the Student Government Association, hosted students, faculty and staff at two campus-wide celebrations to honor the college's 55th birthday on Sept. 7, 2022.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed the Community College Act in 1957, providing an avenue for local governing bodies to establish institutions in their own communities. The first Board of Trustees for the college, then called the Nash County Technical Institute Unit, was appointed in 1967. The college was established as Nash Technical Institution on Sept. 7, 1967.

Looking back over the years, one can appreciate the hard work and perseverance of the campus leaders. The concept of technical institutes and colleges drew opposition across the state from the general public and private educational institutions. The obstacles that early leaders faced to get a college operating were many. Most campuses began in very old buildings, including Nash Technical Institute, which began at Benvenue High School and the old Stoney Creek building. The beginnings of the North Carolina Community College System were humble.

Over the years, dedicated employees, administrative teams, and boards of trustees have offered unfailing support, leading the campus to where it is today. The college offers many programs of study, services to meet the community's evolving needs, cutting-edge technology, and modern facilities. Located on 125 acres, with service events included, the campus serves over 50,000 citizens annually and employs approximately 400 full-time and part-time employees.





New Industrial Committee Supports Area Workforce Development

Nash Community College and the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting of the Chamber's Industrial Committee on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, in the College's Continuing Education Building.

"The topic today was Workforce Development," said Wendy Marlowe, Vice President of Continuing Education & Economic/Workforce Development. "This is a unified effort to expand a conversation among local industry leaders and partners positioned to support training and growth efforts among area manufacturers."

Established in September and chaired by Bill Henkel of Rocky Mount Electric Motor, the committee focuses on the issues facing manufacturers and industry in the Twin Counties. The group hopes to give a voice to the community about local industrial work and how to best support a skilled workforce in order to maintain current and future economic vitality.

"This meeting of the Rocky Mount Industrial committee allowed local business partners to learn about programs

and resources available from valued community organizations," said Alex Barnhill, Dean of Curriculum Career and Technical Education.

Nash Community College understands the importance of workforce development as demonstrated in the recent creation of the new Dean of Curriculum Career and Technical Education position. In this role, Barnhill works to strengthen partnerships, increase awareness of the learning and training opportunities at NCC and helps ensure the college meets the needs of employers, ultimately preparing students for success.

In addition to NCC, Nash County Economic Development, Nash County Public Schools, Strategic Twin Counties Education Partnership (STEP), Edgecombe Community College, Scholar Path, Tri County Industries, House of Promise and Peacemakers' Hometown Hires program were among the presenting organizations at the meeting.

NCC Fire Academy Completes First 24hr Shift

Nash Community College Fire Academy has completed the first 24hr simulation shift for its graduating cadets.

Five cadets completed the shift. As a culmination of their studies to become certified Firefighters, NCC Academy Instructors put together this 24hr shift to provide hands-on experience of what they can expect after graduation.

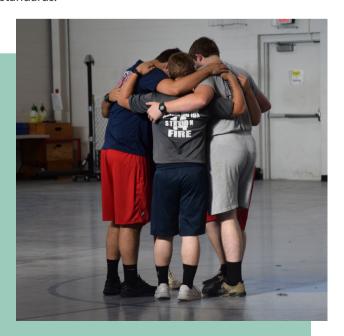
"This is something that we've thought about and wanted to do for a while," said Joey Parks, Director of Fire Services at NCC and retired firefighter. "This simulation tests the mental, physical and emotional aspects of what these cadets will experience when entering the emergency response field and in a fire house."

The shift started at 7:30 a.m. (0730 military time) with truck and equipment checks.

"Before each shift, they will be required to check vehicles and ensure that all equipment (both personal and mechanical) is operational and up to par for the shift," said Parks.

During prep for the vehicle checks, cadets ensured all needed equipment was in their designated trucks and uniforms were up to code. The cadets had two trucks, a large reserve engine (lent by Rocky Mount Fire Department) called Engine 24, which was designated as Engine 1 for training, and the NCC Brush Truck designated Engine 2.

Willie Kearney, Coordinator of Fire Services/Instructor and former firefighter, completed truck checks to ensure cadets had prepped all the equipment appropriately for required standards.





"My first captain told me that the thing he doesn't want to hear is a lot of doors closing because that means you don't know where your stuff is," said Kearney. "That's unacceptable because everything we do is based on time."

Cadets had to do physical training, shower, shop, cook together and have a shift meeting. Along with routine station maintenance, instructors planned four emergency response calls where they were required to leave their stationed area (as they would at a fire house) and respond to a setup scenario with real actors and training dummies to a different location on campus.

"We set up four separate calls; four to six is typical for a regular shift," said Parks. "These calls consisted of two emergency medical service calls, one false alarm and one live (controlled) burn at the on-campus burn unit."

The academy successfully completed this first-time experience due to the instructors' planning and the help of all the partnerships with the Rocky Mount Fire Department and the Nashville Fire Department.

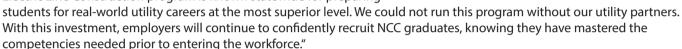
"NCC and all of us in the EMS program have an incredible relationship with local fire departments and emergency services that provide the resources we need to do what we do," said Kearney.

Cadets have spent the past 19 weeks completing the academy and will transition into the Emergency Medical Technology Academy for an additional eight weeks.

Duke Energy Grant Supports Électric Line Program

Nash Community College has received a \$25,000 grant award from the Duke Energy Foundation to support its Electric Line Construction program. The grant funds will be used for diversity recruitment, instructor stipends, equipment, materials and program marketing.

"We are appreciative of Duke Energy's long-standing support of Nash Community College," Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt, President of NCC said. "Our Electric Line Construction program is known statewide for preparing



Nash Community College's Electric Line Construction curriculum prepares students for line construction through laboratory and practical applications in rural and utility settings. NCC students master competencies including elements of electricity, overhead pole and electrical line construction, safety codes and applications, electric power system, transformer installations, and more. An emphasis on safety is embedded in Nash Community College's program as students earn OSHA, CDL and CPR certifications during training.

Pictured above, from left: NCC Electric Line Construction instructors Jon O'Boyle and Brandon Shook; NCC VP of Continuing Education & Economic/Workforce Development Wendy Marlowe; Duke Energy Journeyman Line Technician Robert Carter; Duke Energy District Manager and NCC Foundation Board Member Tanya Evans; Duke Energy Director of Customer Delivery Operations, Greg Whitney; and Melanie Driver, NCC Coordinator of Electric Line Programs.





Bill and Patsy Marshburn established The Marshburn Family College Support Fund at Nash Community College as a demonstration of their commitment to educational opportunities in Nash County. This week, the college announced the naming of a popular student support area on its campus as the Bill and Patsy Marshburn Advising and Success Center. Located in Building A, the center connects students with academic advising, success coaches, tutoring services and on-campus resources, and is among the first stops students make on campus before enrolling.

Mr. Marshburn has a history of service to Nash Community College as a member of the Board of Trustees. Appointed by the Nash County Commissioners and the Nash County Board of Education, his record includes service as chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Marshburn attended North Carolina State University and Mrs. Marshburn is a retired educator, graduating from East Carolina University as a music major. The Marshburns along with their family have been longtime supporters of Nash Community College.

The family's commitment to the greater community extends beyond the college through the Marshburn family's work as active civic leaders and members of Lakeside Baptist Church.

"We are proud to have aided in the growth of Nash Community College," Bill Marshburn said. "The college is important to the county and the City of Rocky Mount. What we do to provide training and the expansion of technical skills is impressive. We have seen a lot of expansion in that area."





The Nash Community College Foundation was awarded \$30,000 by Rotary Club of Rocky Mount from proceeds raised at Tackle the Tar. Rocky Mount Rotary Club #6122 raised \$90,000 at the 5th Annual Tackle the Tar 5K Race held May 14, 2022. Tackle the Tar is a unique 5k obstacle course race and family fun day that raises money for scholarships for students attending Nash Community College, Edgecombe Community College and North Carolina Wesleyan University. Nash Community College students have benefited from a total of \$135,000 in scholarships since the event began.

Nash Community College's 2022 Rocky Mount Rotary Open Door Scholars recipient is Reyna Garcia. She is enrolled in the Human Services Technology Degree program at NCC.

Pictured from left to right: NCC Foundation Board Secretary Lyn Brown, Rocky Mount Rotary Club Social Committee Chair Mark Frohman, Tackle the Tar Chair Kristen Brabble, NCC President Dr. Lew Hunnicutt, Scholarship recipient Reyna Garcia, NCC Vice President of Advancement Pam Ballew, Rocky Mount Rotary Club President Christy Warrick and District 7720 Rotaract Chair/Assistant District Governor Anthony Engrassia.

Nanoria C. Hilliard Memorial **Nursing Scholarship Established**

The Nash Community **College Foundation** announced the establishment of the Nanoria C. Hilliard Memorial Nursing Scholarship by Jackie Avent and Building Up People, Inc.

The scholarship was established in memory of Avent's mother, Nanoria C. Hilliard, who was a nurse at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount for many years. Hilliard is described as a hard working individual who was dedicated to her profession and the care of others. The

scholarship will recognize the academic efforts of second-year nursing students at NCC.

Building Up People, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) enrichment organization that supports social causes that create awareness and empower people, especially women, including areas of focus in workforce development, domestic violence, incarceration and human trafficking.



Pictured from left, NCC President Dr. Lew Hunnicutt; Jackie Avent; Avent's daughter, Marguaysa Battle and Vice President of Advancement Pam Ballew.



Nash Community College joined Nash County leaders at the groundbreaking ceremony for Nash County's new animal shelter, the Nash County Pet Connection Center, on Tuesday, July 26, 2022. The center will be located adjacent to the college campus at 3600 Eastern Avenue.

"We at Nash remain so thankful of our partnership with Nash County," Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt, President of NCC said. "The Nash County Board of Commissioners, as well as county employees, are fully supportive of the college and maintain a definite interest in our success. After all, we are Nash County's Community College."

Students enrolled in the NCC Veterinary Medical Technology program already serve animals through the county shelter, and this partnership will expand once the new facility opens.

NCC's Veterinary Technology program is designed to prepare students to assist veterinarians in preparing animals for examination and surgery as vet techs. Some tasks include collecting specimens, performing laboratory, radiographic, anesthetic and dental procedures, assisting in surgery and providing proper care for animals and their environment.

In addition to working with Nash County Animal Shelter, the Veterinary Tech program works with Purrfect Heart Cat Rescue in Wilson and Wilson County Humane Society.

"I am so excited about what today means for all the animals of Nash County," Gail Harrell, Director of Veterinary Medical Technology at NCC said, "as well as the continued collaboration between Nash Community College's Veterinary Medical Technology Program and the new center."

On the NCC campus, the program provides spays, neutering, physical exams, laboratory work, vaccinations, heartworm testing, microchipping, diagnostic procedures, bathing and other hygienic support.

"Our students have already benefited in so many ways from this relationship, and in return, our program has been able to help so many of the animals of Nash County by improving their health and thus making them much more attractive to adopt. This health care has also alleviated some of the costs that rescue groups have to spend when pulling animals from the shelter."

Nash Community College's Veterinary Medical Technology program is accredited by the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) as a program for educating veterinary technicians. 1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360, 800-248-2862 www. avma.org.

Dr. Hunnicutt also thanked Nash County leaders for their recent gift of approximately 14 acres adjacent to the new facility's location. "Adding to our campus footprint will allow us to meet a critical need for the region and country with driver training," he said. "This acreage will very soon become the Nash Community College Driver Training Center and will assist us in training over-the-road truck drivers, basic law enforcement and fire academy cadets, as well as students across other programs including electric line construction, emergency medical services and those coming to us for motorcycle training."



Braswell Veterinary Medical Technology Building

Nash Community College held a groundbreaking and naming ceremony for its new Veterinary Medical Technology building on Thursday, March 16, 2023. The facility will be located in the back of campus, adjacent to the program's current instructional space.

The college's first Veterinary Medical Technology student cohort began taking classes at NCC in the Fall 2018 semester. The first classes were primarily taught in a large classroom on the second floor of building D while renovations of approximately 6,500 square feet were completed on the building's ground floor. The current space provides a modern, spacious and well-equipped training environment allowing for all on-campus clinical training and animal care to be self contained.

College officials announced the naming of the new building by the Braswell family of Nashville, NC. "After touring Nash's campus, we felt like there is a real need to support this Vet Tech program, and it ties in with our family business," Scott Braswell, President and CEO of Nash County-based Braswell Foods said. "We believe in furthering our community, and we know an investment in Nash Community College is a solid investment in the community. For this generation and the next, hands-on skills are the future. Everything at our community college is great for businesses here in Nash County."

"In this program, I have obtained so many skills, from restraining to collecting and from prepping animals to assisting in surgeries," Veterinary Medical Technology student Ashlan Ricks said. "All skills that benefit the animals we treat by improving their chances of adoption and a life."

Thursday's event marked the beginning of the construction of the Braswell Veterinary Medical Technology Building that will add a 2,755 square foot housing state-of-the-art laboratory

space, a dental clinic and office space. With the additional space, the existing dog run will be relocated to the area between the new building and Building D.

"We are fortunate to have a strong vet community here in Nash County. Years ago, these local and regional veterinarians confirmed there is a great demand for vet techs – highly skilled professionals with strong earning potential," NCC Board Chair Katherine Wiggins Fisher said. "This project began when Nash Community College, doing what it is best known for, foresaw a training need and rose to the occasion, best utilizing available resources to support local workforce needs."

In 2022, Nash County began construction of the Pet Connection Center located adjacent to the campus at 3600 Eastern Avenue. Students in the Veterinary Medical Technology program are already serving animals through the County and the partnership will expand with the addition of both new facilities.

"The County has had a strong partnership with the College for many years," Nash County Board of Commissioners Chair Robbie Davis said. "And this is possibly one of the most important partnerships we have had with them." Explaining the new Pet Connection Center, Davis stated its proximity to the Veterinary Medical Technology program just made sense.

The Veterinary Medical Technology program curriculum is designed to prepare students to assist veterinarians in preparing animals for examination and surgery. Some tasks include collecting specimens; performing laboratory, radiographic, anesthetic and dental procedures; assisting in surgery; and providing proper care for animals and their environment. The role of a veterinary technician in a veterinary practice is similar to that of a nurse.



Isai Perez Hernandez was selected as Nash Community College's 2023 Academic Excellence Award recipient.

As the recipient of NCC's highest academic honor, he represented the College among North Carolina's 58-community college system. Each student selected for the award receives a plaque and medallion in honor of their academic accomplishments.

Perez Hernandez, 19, of Rocky Mount, is a "Super Senior" at the Nash Rocky Mount Early College. Located on NCC's campus, students enrolled in the Early College take a combination of high school and college courses. Super Senior is a term referring to Early College students in their fifth and final year. Upon successful completion, they graduate with both a high school diploma and either an Associate Degree or two years of college credit transferable to a four-year institution.

"Being part of the early college has really shaped the person I have become these past five years," Perez Hernandez said. "Managing both high school and college courses was never easy but the resources provided by Nash helped tremendously. The College has really helped me learn how to advocate for myself and how to seek help. From the college advisors to the tutors in the Math Tank to the Financial Aid office, all of these people helped me throughout my time at Nash."

The instructor who nominated Isai for the award stated, "He is that student that every instructor hopes to have in class. He's driven and focused with a passion to learn. In addition to maintaining superior academic standing, Perez Hernandez serves at the college as a Math tutor and also holds a part-time job.

"Being a first generation college student means opening the doors for future college students," Perez Hernandez said. "I am showing people that look up to me that it is very much possible to succeed in life. Being a first generation college student is my way of paying my parents back for all their immense work and sacrifice."

"Not only am I saving myself money through dual enrollment, I am saving my parents money," Perez Hernandez said.
"Coming from a family where both my parents are Mexican immigrants, I have seen first-hand the sacrifices they have made to provide for my sister and I. To me it is only fair to alleviate their stress and worries the best I can to excel in school and save them thousands of dollars."

Upon graduation this year, Perez Hernandez entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a junior after his graduation. He is majoring in Biology on a Pre-Med Track. "My eyes have always been set on going into medicine," he said. "After medical school, I plan on specializing in cardiology with my intent of being a cardiothoracic surgeon. Honestly though, as long as I am doing something in medicine and giving back to the community that's given me so much, I will be happy with myself."

He credits NCC with preparing him academically for the four-year university. "I would absolutely recommend Nash Community College to others, along with the early college program. I want people to take advantage of all the amazing things Nash does for their students and staff. This college prepares their students to become ready for the transition into a four-year institution or the workforce."

Perez Hernandez has a 3.85 overall grade point average.



Representatives from Golden LEAF and its Board of Directors visited Nash Community College on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. The group toured the Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing, which is located on the south end of campus.

The 16,000-square-foot facility, which opened in 2018, is home to academic and training space for students in Electrical Systems Technology, Computer-Integrated Machining, Electronics Engineering Technology and Robotics programs of study.

Over the years, the Golden LEAF Foundation has been a strong supporter of the expansion of NCC programs. Through their funding, the advanced manufacturing programs have advanced technologies and equipment, increasing hands-on training, improving the student/equipment ratio and allowing more students to pursue National Institute for Metalworking Skills credentials. Golden LEAF funding also supports students in their pursuit to earn National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) certifications. These third-party stackable credentials offer enhanced employment potential and can lead to higher productivity on the job.

"Nash Community College students are better prepared to enter the workforce because of the longstanding support of the Golden LEAF Foundation," Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt, President of NCC said. "Many new students, currently employed, and even unemployed and underemployed individuals are able to hone technical skills making them highly competitive in the industry."

Funding from the Golden LEAF Foundation has also supported expansion in other areas of campus, including the addition of an aseptic clean room located in the Continuing Education and Public Services Building. The simulated real-world sterile working environment includes a gowning station, filling line and observation area where students learn lab procedures.

"Golden LEAF makes a tremendous imprint on our state," Dr. Hunnicutt said. "I would hate to think of where we would be as a community without the accelerated occupational, career and academic training opportunities they support. Their funding has led to a significant increase in the employability of our advanced manufacturing degree, diploma and certificate graduates."



Golf Tournament Raises \$28k for Scholarships

The 33rd Annual Nash Community College Foundation Student Scholarship Golf Classic was held at Benvenue Country Club in Rocky Mount on Thursday, October 27, with 72 golfers participating. The tournament raised more than \$28,000 to support scholarships for students attending Nash Community College.

Thank you to the Grand Tournament Sponsors: Oakley Collier Architects, P.A., Stocks Engineering, P.A., Sandy Cross Consultant Services, Franklin Street Partners, NCC Student Government Association and Team Harris.

Economic Development Group Visits

NCC hosted members of the Nash County Economic Development Alliance on Thursday, January 12, 2023, for a tour and lunch.

County leaders, business representatives and community partners participated in the day, visiting various locations in Nash County.

The alliance was formed last fall to focus on advancing, encouraging, and sustaining new and established businesses in Nash County and its 11 municipalities.

This influential partnership supports local economic development by helping make the area an even better environment for businesses.

The alliance's economic initiatives will allow the county and its towns to attract new businesses and careers to the region. The collaboration between the public and private sectors helps create a diverse group representing the interests of all businesses within the county. Additionally, the Nash County Economic Development Alliance helps create a unified, cohesive vision for the county.



SECU Continuing Education Scholarships Awarded

Nash Community College has been selected to participate in the 2022-2023 SECU (State Employees Credit Union) Bridge to Career Program to support Continuing Education student scholarships.

The college is being awarded \$18,000 that will be used over the next year to fund 30 scholarships and related administrative expenses.

The SECU Foundation Bridge to Career program supports North Carolina community college students seeking to obtain state-regulated or industry-recognized credentials through the Continuing Education department that leads to sustainable wage careers in the local community.



"We are so grateful that the SECU Foundation has chosen to invest in communities across the state in this way," Carla Dunston, Dean of Continuing Education said. "We are pleased to be able to partner with them to help remove barriers for our students working toward enhancing their skills through credential attainment."

SECU Bridge to Career Program focuses on assisting unemployed and underemployed adults, military veterans and members of the National Guard in obtaining marketable job skills.

Congratulations to the September 2022 scholarship recipients:

Sharon Whitaker – Emergency Dispatch Academy Brandi Bass – Emergency Dispatch Academy Jamie Richardson – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Shenise Parker – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Brooke Kapple – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Tantania Harvey – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Kaydince Perez – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Christie Thomas – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Elisha Hudson – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Pictured from left, NCC President Dr. Lew Hunnicutt, NCC Board Member and SECU Advisory Board member Natalie Brooks, SECU Nashville, NC Branch Manager Susan Stephens and Dean of Continuing Education Carla Dunston.

Arbor Day in Nashville

Nash Community College recently partnered with the Town of Nashville to plant pear trees in the orchard at Nashville Elementary School. The trees were planted in celebration of Arbor Day, which is Nov. 9 in the Town of Nashville. Elementary students learned about the way trees breathe and drink through their roots and about the new bluebird house that was installed in the orchard.



















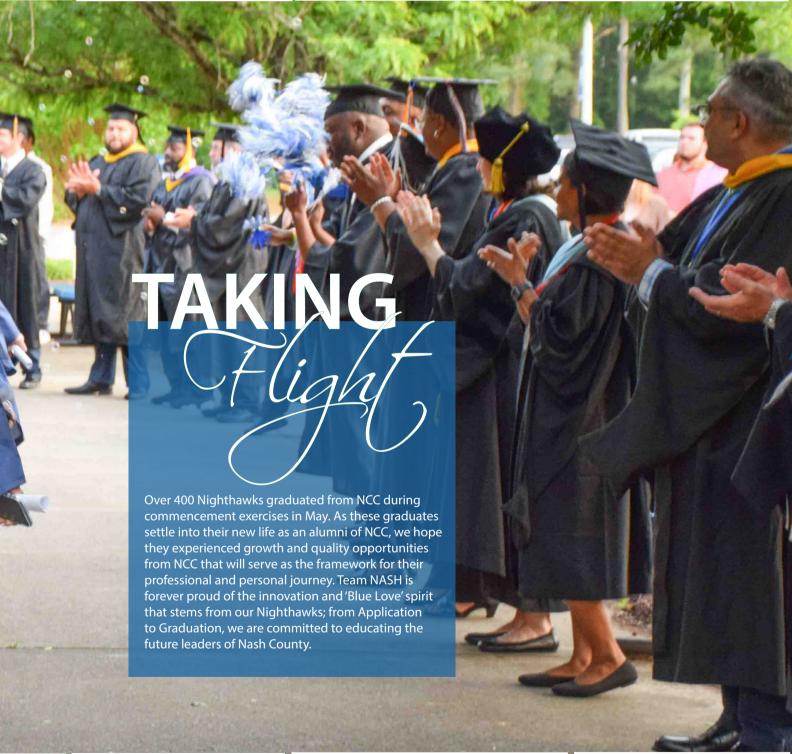






















Nash Community College selected Dr. LaToya McCurdy as the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Alumni Award. The award honors an outstanding alum annually in recognition of their contributions to their profession and community. McCurdy also was chosen to provide the 2023 Spring Commencement Address for the commencement ceremony.

Dr. McCurdy graduated from Nash Community College, earning an associate degree in nursing. Her nursing career began at Duke University Hospital, where she served as a clinical nurse in a list of units, including urology, plastics, medical/surgery and others.

While enrolled in her doctoral program and working at Eastern NC Medical Group, she also launched her medical practice in 2021.

"The Small Business Center at NCC was a great help and provided me with guidance through the process of opening my own business," said Dr. McCurdy.

Her practice, NUTRADRIP IV Hydration, and Wellness Clinic, PLLC, is the first and only IV hydration and wellness practice in Rocky Mount.

"We provide safe and innovative patient-centered IV vitamin hydration therapy using customized blends of essential vitamins, micronutrients, and antioxidants delivered directly into the bloodstream to promote overall health and wellness," said Dr. McCurdy.

Since graduating from NCC, she has continued her educational journey. She became a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner (2017) and earned her doctoral degree in Nursing Practice – Leadership from East Carolina University (2022).

Currently, Dr. McCurdy practices family medicine at NEWH Regional Medical Center, PLLC. She opened the practice in 2022, providing primary care services for patients seven years and older in Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, and Halifax (NEWH) counties. She also serves as adjunct faculty for North Carolina Wesleyan University's nursing and healthcare administration programs.



Message from the Foundation Board President

As the President of the NCC Foundation Board of Directors, I witnessed the impact that each of your donations has had on our students and our community. Lives are changed, and goals are reached due to your continued support.

Over the years, your support has been a dominant force in helping potential students afford the opportunity to continue their education. Our business partners, as well as generous individuals, continue to invest in our students, which, in turn, is an investment in our local community. We are able to offer multiple scholarships that enable our students to earn degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Students graduating from Nash Community College will take the skill sets they learned with them into the workforce. Many will remain in Nash County, which strengthens our local economy. Your support reaches far beyond the education of these students. It also reminds employers of the great educational opportunities we have at Nash.

The education, passion, and commitment of our graduates will benefit them and their employers for years to come.

On behalf of the Nash Community College Foundation Board of Directors, as well as Nash Community College faculty, staff, and students, we thank you for all you do to support our college and make dreams a reality.

Sincerely,

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Anne's Donuts and Bakery

Ricky Anthony Clicksuasion Labs

Anne Masters Mobile Pet Salon Rocky Mt. Chamber of Commerce

Bailey's Fine Jewerly Rehab Revolution, Inc. **Berry Landscaping** Sonny Brantley Standard Insurnace Canteen Vending Bakin 'N' Bacon

Carolina Jewelry & Pawn Lakeland Cultural Center

Barley & Burger

Oakley Collier Architects

Anna Costa

Courtyard by Marriott Adrienne Covington The Rocky Mount Mills

Office of the Mayor, Sandy Roberson

Creekside Insurance, LLC The Wooten Company Atlantec Engineers Melanie Diehl & Co. Barley & Burger Park's Plastic Surgery SH Hotels and Resorts

Hampton Inn Holiday Inn Finch Forest Farm **EM Structural**

Carolina Premium Outlets

Amanda Guy Bin and Barrel Gayle High Dr. Elizabeth Hood

Dr. Lew Hunnicutt

Paul Jaber **EP Mart**

Nashville Chamber of Commerce

Helen Laughery **Bill Lehnes** Lou Redas

Sylvan Heights Bird Park

The Dunn Center

Highgate Hotels

NC IDEA

Rebecca Murray **NCC Campus Store** NCC Metal Workers Club

Oakley Collier Rebecca Parks The Vino Market Liz Proctor

Residence Inn by Marriott Country Inn & Suites The Rudy Theater

Carolina Eagle Distributing, Inc. Around the Table Bakery

Ashley Seaman Clair De Lune South Boutique Smith Red & White Stocks Engineering Edgecombe-Martin EMC Rachel K's Bakery Chick-Fil-A

Waters Bros. Contractors

Trudi Waters

NC SBTDC

Belmont Lake Golf Club Southern Scents Jon Chelles Day Spa Westridge Grill

NCSO Adopt -a-Family Program Northern Nash High School Ripe for Revival Mobile Market **Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce** Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club Rotary Club - Thanksgiving Food Delivery

Salvation Army Volunteering Southern Nash Athletic Booster

Spring Hope Area Chamber of Commerce

Spring Hope Pumpkin Festival

Tackle the Tar

United Christian Ministries United Way Tar River Region

NCC GIVES BACK 2022-2023

9/11 Community Ceremony American Cancer Society American Red Cross Blood Drives Autumn Care Nursing Home The Blood Connection City of Rocky Mount Communities in Schools

Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Halifax County 4-H Club

Koats for Kids My Sister's House

Nash Central High School

Nash Community College Food Pantry Nash Community College SGA

Nash Community College Success Closet

Nash County DSS

Nash County Department of Social Services Nash County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Nash-Rocky Mount Rotary Club Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools Nashville Blooming Festival

NCC Foundation Employee Campaign

NCC Foundation Scholarships

