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The ACCFO Organization

ACCFO is a private, non-profit organization comprised of managers and supervisors involved with facility operations and maintenance. The purpose of the association is to provide an opportunity for community college facility personnel to review their abilities and interests, to refine their skills, and to participate in discussions on facility issues. It provides the participants the opportunity to share their successes, receive assistance from their counterparts in overcoming obstacles, and establish facility networks for future collaboration. We encourage all 58 community colleges to become involved by participating in ACCFO.

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ACCFO Conference

2019 ACCFO Fall Conference
October 16, 17, 18, 2019
Courtyard Carolina Beach
Oceanfront by Marriott

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Check-in at the Courtyard Carolina Beach Oceanfront by Marriott at Carolina Beach, NC on October 16-18, 2019 and join us for this special facilities event. There will be various types of facility people from all 58 community colleges willing to share their experiences and knowledge with someone just like you. There will be someone there that has your job description and similar situations that you both face every day. Why not take advantage of this event and meet other people from other community colleges. This is also a great time to put a face with a name that you may have seen or heard about. Make some new friends and get to know others on a personal level and share your sport interests, hobbies, your kids, your last trip, even your plans to retire someday. Small talk may be hard for you, just give it a try and you might be surprised at how well you do, plus you may meet a new friend. Laughter is a great ice breaker, if you know a few jokes, that is a great starter. Enjoy the people around you, you will feel better just by engaging with friends and strangers. We all stuff things into our heads, why not create a bond with a fellow ACCFO Member? Trust yourself to know that you will have a positive experience at this event. Express your happiness and joy to others, appreciate your life and smile. Take the initiative that your motivation and strength can influence others. Learn to focus on your opportunities and become more successful at your community college. Get outside of your comfort zone and engage with your peers. A step forward is not only good for you but the team as a whole. Enjoy this event to the fullest and become part of a life changing experience. Plan to participate and bring happiness and joy to all the people around you.

ACCFO is a learning experience.

ACCFO President - Danny Carpenter, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

It is with regret for me to announce that Garion Bunn, 2018 ACCFO President, Wake Technical Community College, has decided to seek a different career outside of the community college system. I would like to say "Thank You" to Garion for being the ACCFO President, for his leadership, contributions, and his friendship to the ACCFO family. Garion has been a great influence on many of us, and I know we all wish him a very successful career in his new venture which will be a very different experience from his former position as Project Manager for Facilities Design & Construction at Wake Tech CC.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ACCFO members who are signed up and ready for the 2019 ACCFO Conference at Courtyard Marriott Carolina Beach Oceanfront on October 16 – 18, 2019. We have a great team that works hard to provide everyone with a great experience. I look forward to seeing you there; it's just around the corner! It's time to fill out those travel requests, make your hotel reservations and contact your neighbors to make sure they will be attending the conference. We are striving to have all 58 community colleges to participate. Our ACCFO family makes us the premier facilities organization in North Carolina and a "One of a Kind".

I would like to meet with each community college in attendance so we can get a better understanding of how ACCFO can provide the assistance and resources you need to make your College facilities the best in class, and the first step is always open communications between the members. I am grateful that I was approached in my starting year of College service by Gary Johnson from Mitchell CC before he retired to encourage me to get involved with ACCFO. Why? Because it was a great resource and the people involved were dedicated professionals more than willing to offer their knowledge and friendship. That has been invaluable over the years and I encourage everyone to use both ACCFO and the Conference as opportunities to make new connections and friendships with others. I've learned two major facility insights through ACCFO – we're not alone in this, and we don't have to recreate the wheel – someone out there has probably dealt with the issue before! We all have facility issues that we can share and this can be done by attending the conference. Again, take this opportunity to mingle with fellow ACCFO members and create lifelong friends.

If you have any recommendations or comments for ways we can improve the organization, the conference, or the district meetings, please speak up! Take it personally - ACCFO is for *your* benefit, and the only way we know if we are meeting your needs and expectations are through your communications.

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We have the agenda set for the 2019 ACCFO Fall Conference. Please review the topics to be covered and let one of us know the type of training you wish to see in the 2020 ACCFO Fall Conference to be held at Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, NC. We hope to provide exceptional training so you can maintain your facilities to the highest standards possible. Thank you for your suggestions and involvement in ACCFO.

ACCFO District I Meeting

ACCFO District I Meeting held its meeting at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Friday, May 24, 2019 at the Mission Health/A-B Tech Conference Center. The agenda included various topics; one was on Building Access Control by Mark Harrell and Scott Adamczak both from Allegion. They discussed the use of a key management system, panic hardware for exterior doors, and card access to both exterior and interior doors. They talked about the wireless benefits, being able to control which individuals has access to a building or classroom simply by using a access card. You can allow an individual access to one or multiple doors and deny access.

Beth Gentry at AB Tech, discussed how to handle construction projects and how it influences procurement procedures. If your project exceeds \$500,000. then you will need to go through State Construction. Do you issue a single purchase order to the general contractor or do you have multiple prime contractors which, you issue purchase orders? How do you enter and track these purchase orders in Interscope? This information is now tracked by the State Office.

Chris Aligo with Grainger discussed how you could benefit from using Grainger to purchase maintenance supplies. Grainger has a huge selection of products covering a wide range of trades, they carry over 1.5 million products. Their excellent supply chain means you get same-day shipping on 98% of in-stock items when your order is received by 5 PM local time. Grainger backs it all up with 24/7 customer service and free technical support from industry experts. If digital is your thing, Grainger.com offers powerful online tools and a mobile app that makes ordering fast, easy and ready to go whenever you are. Order your products online and they will have them waiting for you at Pick Up.

We open the floor up to the group to see what type of facility issues they wanted to discuss. There was some discussion about how each community college handles its work orders, how they are prioritized and how they are assigned to which maintenance personnel. There was some discussion on how you handle small projects from various departments. First thing was do you have the funds to proceed with the project, how do you prioritize the projects and have they been approved. Another question that came up was how do we train our employees and how do we track this training? There were other issues discussed and it proved to be beneficial to everyone in attendance.

We finished the meeting by taking a tour of a number of buildings and their mechanical rooms. Overall, it was a great interaction from everyone.

ACCFO New Member

Jeff Armstrong has been hired as Environmental Services Coordinator at Forsyth Technical Community College. Please take a few minutes to either email Jeff at jarmstrong@forsythtech.edu or call him at 336.734.7244 and welcome Jeff to our ACCFO Family.

Jesse Derouin has been hired as Facilities Operations Technician at Forsyth Technical Community College. Please take a few minutes to either email Jesse at jderouin@forsythtech.edu or call him at 336.757.3286 and welcome Jesse to our ACCFO Family.

Jeffrey Carter has been hired as Vice President of Facilities at Wake Technical Community College. Please take a few minutes to either email Jeffrey at jjcarter@waketech.edu or call him at 919.866.5148 and welcome Jeff to our ACCFO Family.

ACCFO Members Changing Careers

Steven Arndt at Fayetteville Technical Community College has decided to make a career change. We wish Steven much success and we appreciate his service to ACCFO. Good Luck!

Toni Beery at Forsyth Technical Community College has decided to seek a new career. We would like to thank Toni for her many contributions to ACCFO over the years. "Thank you" and Good Luck!

ACCFO Members Retirement



Wendell Goodwin, Vice President of Facilities at Wake Technical Community College retired at the end of June 2019. We appreciate the contributions Wendell made to ACCFO and his efforts to make sure his employees participated in ACCFO. Wake Tech grew under his leadership to become one of the top community colleges in North Carolina. We wish him many happy, fun filled and rewarding days in his retirement. Good Luck Wendell!

ACCFO Scratch Off Game at 2019 ACCFO Conference

ACCFO will be playing their Scratch Off Game at the 2019 ACCFO Conference. Our partners attending the conference will be giving out a scratch off ticket when you visit their booth. When you receive a scratch off ticket like the one shown below, you will need to make sure you scratch off it in front of the partner at the booth. This will make it an official scratch off. If you walk away without scratching the ticket then it becomes invalid because they can not verify your ticket. The partner at the booth space will need to verify your scratch off to receive any item shown below the scratch off sticker. Each partner will receive a packet containing their firms tickets similar to the one shown below with coins that came from the United States Mint.

We hope that our partners embrace this game and make good connections with our ACCFO members. We do encourage our partners not to utilize all of their tickets on the first day. We encourage our partners to make our members earn their scratch off tickets. We hope this will be a beneficial experience for both our members and partners.

GOOD LUCK!



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wake Tech Welcomes New Vice President of Facilities

RALEIGH, N.C. (June 24, 2019) – Wake Tech has named an experienced engineer as the new Vice President of Facilities. Jeff Carter, a licensed civil engineer, will provide oversight for the planning, development, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of all Wake Tech facilities and grounds. He replaces Wendell Goodwin, who retires this month.

“This is a very exciting time for Wake Tech,” said Carter. “The recently passed bond initiative will bring growth and development to several campuses. I look forward to those challenges.”

Carter will oversee several expansion projects over the next six years. The first projects under his leadership will be an advanced Automotive and Collision Repair Building on the Scott Northern Wake Campus and a second instructional building on the RTP Campus in Morrisville. Wake Tech will break ground both facilities later this year.

Future projects funded through last fall’s \$349 million dollar bond include a Simulation and Tactical Response Center at the Public Safety Education Campus, a Health Sciences Building and parking deck on the Scott Northern Wake Campus, and an Advanced Industries Building and parking deck on the Southern Wake Campus.

Prior to joining Wake Tech, Carter served as the Director of Facilities, Construction and BioMedical Engineering at UNC Rex Healthcare in Raleigh. He led the construction and startup of the new 306,000 square foot Rex Heart and Vascular building, valued at more than \$225M, as well as several other high profile construction, renovation, and infrastructure replacement projects. He also spent 25 years with the US Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps, where he worked on construction and logistic projects supporting Navy and Marine Forces deployed worldwide.

Carter received an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from St. Leo College in St. Leo, Florida and a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. He also earned a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Carter lives in Raleigh with his wife. They have two grown sons.

New Community College Presidents

Source: North Carolina Community College System

RALEIGH, N.C. – The State Board of Community Colleges today (June 14) approved interim presidents for two institutions.

- ❖ Dr. Travis Twiford at College of The Albemarle, effective July 1. A retired school administrator, Twiford served as superintendent of the Camden County, Rocky Mount and Elizabeth City-Pasquotank school systems. He will succeed Dr. Robert Wynegar, who is resigning June 30.
- ❖ Steven Hunt and Dr. William Findt at Robeson Community College. Hunt, the college's vice president of workforce development and continuing education, will serve from July 1-31. Findt, who retired earlier this year after 10 years as president of Bladen Community College, will become interim president Aug. 1. Robeson's current president, Dr. Kimberly Gold, will become senior vice president and chief academic officer of the NC Community College System on July 1.
- ❖ Also on Friday, July 19, the board approved the appointment of Kenneth Boham as interim president at Martin Community College. Boham is the former president of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and previously served as interim president at James Sprunt, Martin and Mayland community colleges.

The Best Community Colleges in America – 2019 Edition

[Stephanie Horan](#) JUL 31, 2019

Because of its affordability and flexibility, community colleges has been seen by many social scientists as a means of upward mobility for socioeconomically disadvantaged students. However, student outcomes vary by community college. In order to better understand the value of individual community colleges, we looked at data for 796 community colleges across three metrics: graduation and transfer rate, cost and student-to-faculty ratio. For details on our data sources and how we put the information together our final rankings, check out the Data and Methodology section below.

Three years running. For the third year in a row, a significant number – at least half – of our top 10 community colleges are located in [North Carolina](#). This year, six Tar Heel State schools made it into our top 10. The top community colleges in North Carolina for 2019 are [Pamlico Community College](#), [Catawba Valley Community College](#), [Blue Ridge Community College](#), [McDowell Technical Community College](#), [Coastal Carolina Community College](#) and [Johnston Community College](#).



This fall, Edgecombe Community College will launch a unique certificate program in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones). ECC will be the only community college in the state to offer the program.

The new Drone certificate will be available through the College's [Geospatial Technology program](#) and will emphasize training in mapping and other geographic data, in addition to preparing students for certification testing.

"Drones are becoming an important tool for many industries as well as for government agencies," explains Trey Cherry, department chair of [Information Technology Studies](#) at ECC. "For example, small drones are used in disaster-related projects. An insurance adjuster can evaluate multiple homes with a drone in the same amount of time it would take to survey a single house on foot.

"We're seeing a huge increase in drone applications, and with that comes the need for highly skilled drone aviators. That's where Edgecombe Community College enters the picture."

The new Drone certificate can be completed in two semesters and requires seven courses. Five of the classes are online, and two meet on the Tarboro campus of ECC. [Course topics](#) include a survey of GIS/GPS, drone operations, georeferencing and mapping, and aerial photo applications.

A key unique element of ECC's program is a focus on the legal aspects of drone aviation. Cherry explains, "If you're using a drone for profit, you are required to have a license. One of our courses prepares students for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems flight certification through the Federal Aviation Administration and the NC Department of Transportation."

Faculty in ECC's [Geospatial Technology program](#) will instruct the geospatial classes. Thomas Parrish, [Information Technology Studies](#) instructor, will teach the drone courses. An FAA-certified UAV pilot, Parrish heads up the College's [Continuing Education](#) drone program.

"New applications for drones are emerging constantly," Cherry adds. "Cell tower inspections, construction site mapping, solar farm surveys – the uses are endless. Our goal is to train drone aviators who are skilled at flying drones, understand the legalities, and know how to apply the technology."

To learn more about ECC's new Drone certificate program, please contact Cherry at cherryt@edgecombe.edu.

Guilford Technical Community College



GTCC's newest building gives technical programs a lot more space

The Center for Advanced Manufacturing — GTCC leaders call it CAM for short — is the college's newest and most modern building. The \$35.5 million facility that opened last year covers nearly 6 acres and gives significantly more space — and more state-of-the-art equipment — to five college programs.

Nash Community College



Nash Community College students, faculty, staff and community members celebrated the official opening of the Advanced Manufacturing and Cosmetology buildings at a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony held Monday, July 16, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

President Dr. Bill Carver welcomed attendees stating, "This expansion process began in 2010 with the purchase of 25 acres on which we are standing. This has been part of a vision to intentionally create new learning spaces, re-purpose other instructional areas, and improve the campus environment."



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ACCFO wishes to acknowledge the tremendous support that we receive from all our vendors. Through their relationships with our community colleges, we have received outstanding services and products that help us provide great facility environments for our students, staff, administration, and visitors. Keeping abreast of all changing technologies and energy efficient equipment can be a challenge. With the help of our vendors, we are able to bridge that divide and provide excellent services to our community colleges. The guidance and the offer of professional development sessions at our conferences have given us the tools and insights necessary to make sound judgements. Even though many vendors are unable to attend our yearly conference, many provide services and support each and every day. ACCFO wishes to say "Thank you" to all of our vendors for their contributions and support of our communities throughout North Carolina.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our partners for their service and contributions to ACCFO and all the communities in North Carolina. Many of our partners have been involved with ACCFO for more than 25 years. With this type of support, no wonder all of our State Conferences have been successful and beneficial to both our members and partners. The interfacing between our members and partners have proven to be the key to our success. Our partners have indicated every year, that they look forward to attending the next ACCFO Conference. What a vote of confidence!

We appreciate your understanding that we can not accommodate all the partners that wish to attend our conferences. We know that all of our partners support our mission and participate in so many different outlets, in-house training, lunch and learn sessions, product samples, demonstrations, equipment specifications, application recommendations, site visits, and just good old advice. Tell any ACCFO member how you feel about our events and how we can improve the communication between our partners and members. We appreciate any and all types of support. Thank you!

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