

ACC Foundation Innovation Grants Enhance Learning

Each year the ACC Foundation awards Innovation Grants up to \$10,000 to faculty and staff who apply with proposals for projects to enhance the ACC learning environment.

An excellent example of one 2024-2025 grant now helping students in their studies is "Figure It Out," submitted by Fine Arts instructor Chad Godt. The Foundation funded three poseable anatomical skeleton models representing various stages of life for his art classes. These skeleton models are a critical part of the Associate in Fine Arts transfer program's required Visual Arts classes.

Said Chad: "Students now have the opportunity to explore realistic proportions of the human anatomy in all life stages. The three models show



how the human figure changes as people grow, and how proportions change. This allows for students to grow and become stronger artists."

Scholarship Recipient Expresses Appreciation

Dear Donor,

I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude for making the C.P. William Fisher and Jean Northup Fisher Memorial Scholarship possible. My commitment to you is to honor the legacy of your scholarship by demonstrating my love of learning.

I am majoring in Medical Office Administration. It is my dream to make a successful career crossover to this field so that I can refocus on what is important: Family. My current career has required me to sacrifice so much of myself and my time with my family. I felt trapped without options. I must make sure that my children know that they matter more than a job that will replace me within a week. Your generosity will help me achieve my dream and is a blessing for my whole family.

I plan to use this wonderful opportunity to not only better myself and my employment opportunities, but to establish and demonstrate a life-long love of learning to my children. I truly believe that the power of education can resonate through the generations. Education aids us in improving our families, local communities, and global communities. This means the world to me.

Lisa

Announcing New 2025 ACC Foundation Scholarships

The following new scholarships and funds were begun in the second half of 2024 and early 2025:

- **Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #427**, Haw River Scholarship
- **Peggy Boswell** Honorary Scholarship for History Students
- **Chief Don Bulla** Memorial Fire Academy Fund
- **Tom R. Davis** Scholarship for University Transfer Students
- **Dr. John E. Harwood, Jr.** Scholarship
- **Alice O. Smith Morrow** Fine Arts Scholarship

- **Anne Scott** Memorial Early Childhood Education Scholarship
- **Dr. Clara Vega** Honorary Scholarship

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ACC Foundation Plays Key Role in 'Parent Promise'

The College launched the Parent Promise initiative in recent months, a new program that allows parents and guardians of students enrolled in the Career and College Promise program the opportunity to take one free class each semester. Participants can choose from either curriculum courses or workforce development classes.

With generous backing from the ACC Foundation, Parent Promise offers a significant opportunity for parents and guardians in Alamance County.

ACC Foundation President Jackie Cole shared her enthusiasm: "By supporting the Parent Promise, the ACC Foundation is ensuring parents have an affordable pathway to new skills and career advancements, leading to a brighter future for the entire family."



(Above) ACC President Dr. Ken Ingle addresses the audience during the press conference, with ACC Trustee Chair Julie Scott Emmons at right.

"The Parent Promise is about opening doors to opportunity. ACC is proud to offer this initiative that will uplift families and strengthen our community," said Dr. Ken Ingle, President of ACC.

Parent Promise is now open for registration. For more information, visit

<https://www.alamancecc.edu/parent-promise.php>



ACC Foundation Funds Free Link Bus Service for ACC Students and Employees

The ACC Foundation has partnered with the City of Burlington to provide free bus service for all of the college's students and employees on Link Transit buses.

The agreement stipulates that the ACC Foundation will reimburse Link Transit for the fares, using gifts from generous individuals and organizations throughout our community and beyond.

To qualify for the unlimited ridership on all routes, ACC students must be currently enrolled, and ACC employees must show their valid ID card to the bus operator.

The agreement is effective from February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with an option to mutually extend the partnership, depending on usage.

"The ACC Foundation works every day to remove barriers for student access, completion and success. Transportation can be one of those barriers. The ACC Foundation is pleased to support this partnership," said Carolyn Rhode, Executive Director of the Foundation."

Link Transit buses run 5:30am-9:30pm M-F, and Saturdays 9:30am-6:30pm.



Alumni Awards Nomination Form Available for 2025

Do you know an ACC Alumnus/a whose career success or community service involvement was shaped by their experience as a student in past years? If so, consider nominating them for one of the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Access the nomination here:

<https://alamancecc.jotform.com/25015477749065>

In nominating an individual, be prepared to provide:

- Recent version of the nominee's resume' or provide a work history and education history.
- Statement of why this person should receive an Alumni Award.
- How the nominee's coursework at ACC positively impacted their career or life path.
- Evidence of the nominee's community service. Leadership roles are particularly important.
- How this individual's story reflects positively on ACC.

Deadline to submit nominations for the Alumni Awards is **March 31, 2025**. A selection committee comprised of ACC Trustees and ACC Foundation Board Members will review the nominations and the winners will be notified prior to the public announcement during the Celebrating Excellence Awards banquet in May.

Questions? Call the Foundation at 336-506-4416.

Duke Energy Presents ACC Foundation with \$10,000 Gift to Support Scholarships



The Duke Energy Foundation awarded the ACC Foundation with a \$10,000 gift to support scholarships for workforce development training, with a focus on underrepresented populations.

The Duke Energy funding ensures the ability of the Foundation to provide scholarships, including tuition, books, and supplies, to low income students. The Duke Energy gift stipulates preference be given to students in energy-related sectors, including advanced manufacturing and cyber-security. Other forms of support will be provided through emergency assistance grants, childcare grants and work-study programs.

The longtime partnership between Duke Energy and ACC has included a \$97,500 River Resources Grant in 2019 that helped return part of the lower campus to its original native prairie environment, which serves as a riparian buffer to the adjacent Haw River.

The Duke Energy Foundation is the charitable foundation of Duke Energy Corporation and represents the integration of multiple foundations from its predecessor companies.

ACC Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The ACC Foundation has welcomed six new members to the Board of Directors whose four-year terms began January 1, 2025. They are Tracey Williamson Alston, Sara Cloud, Ray Deal, Brent Hampton, Dr. G. Wallace Kernodle Jr., and W. Terry McNeill. Two faculty and staff liaisons, Justin Pedley and Tammy Saul, serve two-year terms.

The new board members are:

Tracey Williamson Alston has operated Sharpe Funeral Home, Inc., in Burlington, NC for the last 17 years.

Sara Cloud is co-founder and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of Alliance MOCVD, a leading company in the semiconductor industry.

Ray Deal has practiced law for more than 30 years. Since 1997, he has concentrated his practice in the areas of estate planning, asset protection for long-term care needs and estate administration.

Brent Hampton is the President and CEO of Century Products, LLC, a business founded by his father in 1987. Under his father's tutelage, Brent gained business acumen and has headed the company since 2020.

Dr. G. Wallace Kernodle, Jr. practiced Rheumatology and Internal Medicine at the Kernodle Clinic for 37 years, retiring in 2023. He has served as a member of the Alamance County Board of Health, as President of Kernodle Clinic, and as President of the Alamance/Caswell Medical Society.

W. Terry McNeill retired as Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at ACC in 2015. Previous educational career experience



(Pictured above) Joining the Foundation Board in January 2025 are (standing l-r): Tracey Williamson Alston, Ray Deal, Tammy Saul, Dr. G. Wallace Kernodle Jr., Justin Pedley, Sara Cloud, W. Terry McNeil, and Brent Hampton. Seated are Jackie Cole, ACC Foundation President; Dr. Ken Ingle, ACC President; and Carolyn Rhode, Executive Vice President of the ACC Foundation.

includes two previous community colleges and teaching 8th grade science in Greensboro, NC. Terry has a strong record of volunteering, including as a member of Graham Rotary Club, Alamance Citizens for Education, and Guilford/Alamance Junior Achievement.

Justin Pedley (Faculty Liaison) is a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) and currently serves ACC as the Department Head for the planned Veterinary Medical Technology (VMT) Program.

Tammy Saul (Staff Liaison) is a Health Programs Advisor at ACC. Employed at ACC for more than six years, Tammy has extensive knowledge of financial aid and has been a partner with the Foundation in awarding scholarships.