



TO: All Members of the Board of Trustees
 FROM: Mrs. Melodie Darden, Chair, and Dr. Tracy Mancini, President and Secretary
 SUBJECT: Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Foundation Boardroom

AGENDA		
I.	* CALL TO ORDER A. Ethics Statement	Chair Melodie Darden
II.	FOUNDATION CHECK PRESENTATION A. Peter Grills representing The Beaufort Hotel 2025 Presenting Sponsor of Celebration on the Sound	Chair Darden
III.	* APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Chair Darden
IV.	* APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 12, 2025 Attachment 1)	Chair Darden
V.	CHAIR REPORT	Chair Darden
VI.	NEW EMPLOYEES & APPOINTMENTS 1. Anna Ingram	Chair Darden Mrs. Laurie Freshwater
VII.	PRESENTATION A. Operations & Facilities	Chair Darden Mrs. Cindi Goodwin
VIII.	COMMITTEE REPORTS A. Finance Committee 1. County Operating Budget B. Buildings & Grounds 1. Facilities Master Plan C. Personnel, Policies & Bylaws 1. Barwick Award	Chair Darden Trustee Meshaw Trustee Henderson Trustee Hooper
IX.	OTHER REPORTS A. Foundation Liaison B. President's and Executive Leadership Council Reports (Attachments 2 , 3 , 4 , 5 , 6 , 7 , 8 , 9) C. Student Government Association Report	Chair Darden Trustee Mort Congleton Dr. Mancini Ms. Jenny Maldonado-Castro
X.	BOARD COMMENTS	Chair Darden/Trustees
XI.	* CLOSED SESSION in accordance to N.C. GS 143-318.11(a)(6); approval of BOT closed session minutes April 10, 2024, October 9, 2024, March 12, 2025.	Chair Darden
XII.	* ADJOURNMENT	Chair Darden

*Indicates Item for Action

DATES TO REMEMBER			
DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
April 15, 2025	Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) Due	5:00pm	https://ethics.nc.gov
April 11-12, 2025	Spring Plant Sale	9:00am-5:00pm	Howard Building/Greenhouse
April 12, 2025	Bird Bam Brunch: Mah Jongg Social Play	10:00 a.m.	Hospitality & Culinary Arts Center
April 25, 2025	Celebration on the Sound: Jefferson Starship 50th Anniversary Tour at Celebration on the Sound Tickets, Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 7:30 PM Eventbrite	5:30pm	Civic Center



Attachment 1

CARTERET COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 12, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification, Chair Melodie Darden called the Carteret Community College Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. on March 12, 2025, at the Foundation Boardroom on the Carteret Community College Campus, Morehead City, North Carolina. The following were present and/or absent:

Trustees Present

Mr. Doug Brady
Mr. Mort Congleton
Mrs. Melodie Darden, Chair
Mr. Bill Henderson
Mrs. Penny Hooper

Mrs. Rosa Langston
Mrs. Kelly Marek
Dr. Wrenn Johnson, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Mrs. Catherine Parker
Mr. Doug Starcke (via Zoom)

Trustees Absent

Mrs. Dee Meshaw
Mr. Will Rogers

SGA Present

Ms. Jenny Maldonado-Castro, 2024-2025 SGA President

Administration Present

Dr. Tracy Mancini	President
Dr. Maggie Brown	Vice President, Instruction & Student Support
Mr. Perry Harker	Vice President, Workforce & Continuing Education
Mr. Scott Lane	Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services
Mrs. Cindi Goodwin	Senior Director, Operations & Facilities
Mr. Curtis Gillikin	Director, Campus Information Technology
Mrs. Amanda Bryant	Senior Director, Human Resources
Ms. Logan Okun	Senior Director, Marketing and Public Information
Mr. Richard Abell	Director, Security & Emergency Preparedness
Ms. Brenda Reash	Executive Director, Foundation
Ms. Angela McMahon	Executive Assistant to the President, Assistant Secretary to the Board
Ms. Shana Olmstead	Director, HCAC & Special Populations
Mr. Lewis Stroud	Dean, Student Services
Mrs. Laurie Freshwater	Dean, Health Sciences

College Employees Present

Ms. Tammy Kavanaugh	Chair, Nursing
Ms. Heather Partin	Instructor, Nursing



Ms. Kelly Payne	Instructor, Nursing
Ms. Toney Harstead	Enrollment & Retention Specialist
Ms. Heather Robbins	NC Works Career Coach
Ms. Rhonda Piner	Chair, Certified Nursing Assistant
Ms. Marquita Hall	Custodian, SEC Chair
Mr. Ryan Adrick	Lead Instructor Photography, FEC Chair

Guests Present

Ms. Cheryl Burke Reporter, Carteret County News-Times

A. Ethics Reminder

Chair Darden reminded members of the board of the ethical requirements for public servants and requested that members identify conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with respect to any item on the agenda. No board member expressed any potential or actual conflicts of interest.

II. FOUNDATION CHECK PRESENTATION

Chair Darden welcomed Lori and Phil Jones of Crystal Coast Corks & Forks. In 2024 Crystal Coast Corks & Forks established a scholarship endowment for students enrolled in the Culinary Programs. This scholarship will be awarded annually to students enrolled in Culinary Arts, Food Service Technology, or Baking & Pastry programs. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled full-time. Students are also asked to consider working in Carteret County for at least one year, hopefully longer. Chair Darden thanked Mr. and Mrs. Jones for an additional donation to the scholarship fund, making the total donation \$21,250.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Darden presented the March 12, 2025, agenda for approval by the Board.

Trustee Kelly Marek motioned to approve the March 12, 2025, agenda. Trustee Penny Hooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Darden presented the February 12, 2025, minutes for approval by the Board.

Trustee Mort Congleton motioned to approve the February 12, 2025, minutes. Trustee Doug Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Darden said she and Trustee Rosa Langston attended the 28th Annual Black History Celebration at the Civic Center on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. She said they heard inspiring speeches from two former Carteret CC graduates, Ms. Jenmekia Gay who is currently a welding instructor at Coastal Community College and Ms. Shameka Frazier who is an ICU nurse at Carolina East Medical Center. She recognized Trustee Langston was one of the founding members of the Black History Celebration and thanked her as the event celebrates its 28th year and for her ongoing commitment to students and student success. Chair Darden said she had been fortunate to attend the final sold out Escoffier dinner on February 25, 2025. At the dinner it was announced that Mr. Benjamin Knight and Ms. Breanna Turbeville had been selected as interns in the Goellner exchange program and would travel to



France to train with French chefs. Chair Darden encouraged trustees to attend the spring lunches hosted by the Culinary program.

Chair Darden thanked the five trustees who attended the Foundation's Breakfast of Champions on March 6, 2025. Those in attendance were Trustees Congleton, Brady, Marek, Langston and Henderson.

Chair Darden reminded trustees that the deadline to complete the President's Evaluation survey was March 21, 2025, and that the annual SEI filing must be completed by April 15, 2025. She said the 2025 NCACCT Law-Legislative Seminar was scheduled for March 19 to March 21, 2025, in Raleigh. Chair Darden said she looked forward to the reports of those attending the conference and Community College Day at the legislature. She said one of the duties of a trustee is to work with the legislature to promote the College and she thanked trustees for their commitment to the College.

VI. NEW EMPLOYEES

Before introducing new Instruction and Student Support employees, Dr. Brown noted that three of the five appointments had arisen because of internal promotions.

Dr. Brown recognized Mr. Lewis Stroud, Dean of Student Services, who introduced Ms. Heather Robbins as the new NC Works Career Coach. Ms. Robbins said she grew up in Wilmington, attended UNCW and taught in southeastern North Carolina for five years before moving to California and teaching for another six years. She moved back to the East Coast and made the decision to get out of teaching but wanted to continue to work with students, something she is able to do in the Career Coach position.

Dr. Brown invited Mrs. Laurie Freshwater, Dean of Health Sciences, to introduce the new team members in Health Sciences.

Mrs. Freshwater introduced Ms. Tammy Kavanaugh. She said Ms. Kavanaugh started working at the College in August 2024 as a nursing instructor and took over as Chair of the Nursing program following Camella Marcom's retirement, effective January 1, 2025. Ms. Kavanaugh holds an Associate Degree in Nursing from Cape Fear Community College, a Master's Degree in Nursing Leadership and Management from Walden University, and is a Certified Nurse Educator – Novice. Ms. Kavanaugh said her prior roles include nursing in women's health, research, hospice care and most recently five years teaching at Cape Fear Community College.

Mrs. Freshwater introduced Ms. Heather Partin, nursing instructor. Ms. Partin said she grew up in Nash county. She has nursing experience in ER, home help, nursing homes and in psychiatric facilities. She moved to Carteret county in the summer of 2023 and was with Carteret Health Care when the opportunity came up to teach at the College.

Mrs. Freshwater introduced Ms. Kelly Payne, nursing instructor. Mrs. Payne said she was born and raised in Raleigh and moved to Carteret county, where her husband originally hails from, in 2020. She said she has been a nurse for 15 years and her experience includes women's health and pediatrics. She said she was a believer in the "See one, do one, teach one" methodology in a nursing career.

Mrs. Freshwater introduced Ms. Toney Harstead as the new Enrollment & Retention Specialist in health sciences who has replaced Ms. Annette McCracken. Ms. McCracken has moved into the Assistant Registrar role. Mrs. Freshwater said the College was very lucky to have Ms. Harstead who brings a wealth of experience in education to her position. Ms. Harstead said she comes from Pennsylvania



where she spent 17 years at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, originally supporting nursing, then the Dean's Office and the Vice President of Enrollment Management, before returning to health sciences.

VII. PRESENTATION

Mr. Harker introduced Ms. Rhonda Piner, Chair, Certified Nursing Assistant. Ms. Piner gave an interesting and informative presentation about the College Certified Nursing Assistant program including sharing information on apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship and work experience initiatives. Questions and discussion followed.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Joint Buildings & Grounds and Finance Committee

Chair Darden invited Trustee Henderson, Chair of the Buildings & Grounds committee, to update trustees on committee activity. Trustee Henderson said the Joint Buildings & Grounds and Finance committee met via Zoom on March 5, 2025. Trustee Henderson said the committee discussed progress on schematic drawings for the Workforce Center. He said the committee discussed the Facilities Master Plan and the consensus was that the plan would be modified internally and staff generate the 2025-2030 plan. Trustee Henderson said the committee also discussed the firing range. He suggested Dr. Mancini set up a tour of the firing range for trustees. He said the College needs to be thinking long term about how to best serve the BLET program and the law enforcement community.

In Trustee Meshaw's absence Dr. Mancini said the county budget request will be brought to the board at the April meeting and presented to the county to the end of April. She said the committee had looked briefly at the deferred maintenance schedule. Mrs. Goodwin would talk more about the deferred maintenance schedule when she presents to the board in April.

B. Personnel, Policies & Bylaws Committee

Chair Darden invited Trustee Hooper, Chair of the Personnel, Policies & Bylaws committee, to update trustees on committee activity. Trustee Hooper said the committee met on March 5, 2025. Trustee Hooper said the committee had reviewed the nominees for the 2025 Barwick award. She asked trustees to complete the President's Evaluation Survey by March 21, 2025, and said the Personnel, Policies & Bylaws committee would review the survey responses in April. Chair Darden encouraged all to read the supporting documents provided by Dr. Mancini while completing the survey.

IX. OTHER REPORTS

A. Foundation Liaison

Trustee Congleton reported that the Foundation Board of Directors met on March 11, 2025. He commended Ms. Reash and her team and said the Foundation had received a strong audit report with no findings. He reported increases in cash in hand of \$192,000, investments of \$394,000 and a net asset value increase of \$1.24 million over two years for the Foundation. Trustee Congleton said the sponsorship fund is at \$730,873 being 60% of the annual goal. He said 437 tickets for Celebration on Sound had been sold and less than 200 general admission tickets remain. He said 26 sponsorship tickets remain. Trustee Congleton said the Foundation's Annual Scholarship Donor & Recipient Luncheon is



scheduled for March 26, 2025. Ms. Reash confirmed the audit period is for the twelve months to June 30, 2024.

B. President's and Executive Leadership Council Reports.

Dr. Mancini said she hoped trustees had the chance to review all the reports in the board packet. She said her intent had been to highlight the variety of programs offered at the College. She said several people had approached her at the Breakfast of Champions to say they had no idea College programs were so diverse. She said Carteret CC really is a comprehensive college and offers so much more than just two-year degrees and workforce training. Dr. Mancini called attention to the student spotlight in her report. She said Bethany Lier was a Croatan High School student who took several CCP classes at the College while in high school. She graduated from Carteret CC with an Associate Degree in Engineering and Science and then, as a transfer student, completed a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at NC State. That NC State course is taught at the Havelock Craven CC campus. Ms. Lier is now full time at the Fleet Readiness Center East, having worked there part time while completing her studies. Dr. Mancini said Ms. Lier was able to achieve that without having to move out of Carteret county. Dr. Mancini said more high school students need to be aware of these opportunities.

Dr. Mancini the College was recently notified of a \$100,000 grant awarded by the Cannon Foundation for the McGee One Door renovation. She commented that Ms. Brandi McCullough was researching grant opportunities and submitting proposals to entities that the College has no prior history with. Dr. Mancini said the College can apply annually to the Cannon Foundation and intends to apply in the next cycle for funding for the Workforce Center.

Dr. Mancini said great progress is being made on the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan with the assistance of Dr. Zach Barricklow from the NCCC System office and the Belk Center. She said more information on the strategic plan will be shared with the board during April and May.

She noted that Carteret CC has taken over the administrative management of MSEP, the Marine Science and Education Partnership, ensuring meetings are scheduled quarterly. She said Mr. John Tayloe, Regional Representative for Senator Ted Budd, would attend the March 13, 2025, MSEP meeting to be followed by lunch and a campus tour. She invited all to attend the MSEP meetings.

Dr. Mancini thanked the leadership, faculty and staff for their work on behalf of the College.

Trustee Hooper expressed an interest in hearing the MSEP group response to recent financial cuts. Trustees Hooper and Langston referenced the economic impacts of recent financial cuts. Dr. Mancini said there has been no direct impact on the College to date. She said the College has two federally funded programs, TRIO and WIOA.

C. SEC Report

Ms. Marquita Hall, SEC Chair said the nomination period for Staff Person of the Year would open on March 17, 2025.

Chair Darden asked Ms. Maldonado-Castro about Spring Fling. Ms. Maldonado-Castro said the event would take place today, March 12, in the Civic Center. She said the event would have a Mardi Gras theme and feature lunch prepared by the Culinary program, a cake walk and about 25 other activities for students. She invited trustees to attend.



Dr. Mancini noted that Ms. Maldonado-Castro was a regional finalist for the Governor Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award. The award was created in 2004 by the NC Association of Community College Presidents to recognize student leadership and honor former Governor Robert Scott. The award was designed to highlight outstanding curriculum student leadership and service on a statewide level. Dr. Mancini will attend the SGA Gala event on March 22, 2025, where the award recipient will be announced.

Chair Darden invited Board comments.

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Henderson said that he and many College personnel and friends of the College attended the funeral of former College employee Mr. John Smith on March 6, 2025. He said attendees were invited to share their memories of Mr. Smith. Trustee Henderson said there were many recurring themes but the dominant theme was how much Mr. Smith had achieved for the community as an employee of the College. Trustee Henderson said it made him proud to be a member of the Board of Trustees of Carteret Community College and the College team.

Trustee Congleton said as the College moves forward with the Workforce Center the Foundation directors and College trustees need to start identifying potential donors. He said the collective body should be looking at fundraising opportunities.

Trustee Parker said she always appreciates program presentations and enjoyed hearing from Ms. Rhonda Piner. She noted Dr. Mancini's report stated 400+ high school students were taking classes at the College and she commended the College for bridging the gap between the schools and the four-year colleges. Trustee Parker said she loves the student spotlight feature included in Dr. Mancini's report and has a student in the cosmetology program in mind as a suitable subject.

Trustee Brady said Ms. Rhonda Piner's presentation had been very good and showed the relationship between the College, the health system, area businesses and the community. He said the CNA program actively connects nursing students with employers.

Ms. Maldonado-Castro said it was very easy to be an advocate and ambassador for Carteret CC. She said it was a scary time to be a college student and she said her education was possible because of a PELL grant. She encouraged trustees to talk to the legislature about funding. She said SGA representatives would be visiting the legislature in April.

Trustee Hooper said she enjoyed the meeting. She recognized the Foundation for continued support and its strong financial position. She said Mr. John Smith's passing was a great loss to many. She congratulated Mr. Harker on his reappointment to the NCCCS Office Workforce Development Leadership Committee. Trustee Hooper agreed with Trustee Parker that the student spotlight was a great feature. She said jobs in marine programs were being cut and she asked all to keep that in mind with the wider community. She said she was looking forward to Community College Day at the legislature on March 19, 2025, and to the NCACCT Law-Legislative Seminar following immediately afterwards.

Trustee Marek said she was always amazed and impressed by the responsiveness of the College to the needs of the community. She said nursing assistant was a transition role and therefore a high turnover position and there would always be a high demand.



Trustee Langston said she was glad to see apprenticeship programs in nursing and she was impressed by the Cannon Foundation grant. She said the cuts happening in the country would eventually impact the College and Carteret county. Trustee Langston said she has always been impressed by what the College does for the community.

Trustee Starcke said it had been a good meeting with a lot of valuable information.

Trustee Johnson said she appreciated the apprenticeships and internships and the College taking education to where it is needed. She said it had been a good meeting and she appreciated the efforts of all the staff.

Chair Darden thanked leadership for their reports. She said she liked the increased inclusion of data in the reports and enjoyed the student spotlight. She said in considering the Facilities Master Plan, it was necessary to acknowledge how much had been achieved in a five-year period.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Congleton motioned to go into Closed Session at 10:01 a.m. in accordance with N.C. GS 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(2). Trustee Hooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Trustees asked Dr. Mancini and Ms. Angela McMahon to stay.

A motion was made to come out of Closed Session at 10:12 a.m. by Trustee Henderson and seconded by Trustee Congleton. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Trustee Brady asked about scheduling for Community College Day on March 19, 2025. Dr. Mancini shared information known to date.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Henderson motioned to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. Trustee Congleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Submitted by:

Ms. Angela McMahon

Executive Assistant to the President

Assistant Secretary to the Board

March 19, 2025

Melodie Darden, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date

Dr. Tracy J. Mancini, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Date

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TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Tracy Mancini, President
DATE: April 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Board of Trustees April 9, 2025, Meeting



The season of celebration at Carteret Community College has begun! We are excited to announce the following student and employee recognitions:

- SGA President **Jennifer Maldonado-Castro** (featured in photo on left) was the Region 5 finalist for the **Governor Robert Scott Student Leadership Award**, and on Saturday, March 22, at the N4CSGA gala was announced as the STATEWIDE winner of this recognition. We are very proud of Jenny and the example of servant leadership she has set for others at Carteret CC and across the state.
- **Nikole Mills**, a Respiratory Therapy student and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society officer, was named the **Academic Excellence Award Winner** for 2025.
- **Kathryn Irwin**, a Business Administration student, was named the **Dallas Herring** award winner for Carteret CC for 2025.
- Carteret CC students swept gold and silver at the state **SkillsUSA** competitions for Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry and took gold for Mobile Electronics Installation. Congratulations to **Bree Turbeville**, **Trevor Torrence**, and **Ryan Foreman**, who will represent Carteret CC at National SkillsUSA in Atlanta in August. Stay tuned for more SkillsUSA results in April.

- **Ryan Adrick**, lead instructor for Photographic Technology, was selected by his peers as the **Excellence in Teaching** award recipient.
- **Robert Leedy**, adjunct instructor of Economics and Business Administration, was named the **A+ in Teaching Award** recipient for adjunct instruction.
- **Jeff Goduti**, Executive Director of the Business Office, was selected by his peers as the **Staff Excellence Award** recipient.

Congratulations to all of our excellence award recipients! We are inspired by your leadership and innovation, and we thank you for your commitment to excellence.

Carteret Community College was proud to participate in the **2025 Community College Day at the NC General Assembly** on Wednesday, March 19. Lead Instructor of Boat Manufacturing **Adam Parchman** and one of his students exhibited a cold-mold boat building project on the Halifax Mall for many Legislators and Staffers to see. A delegation of **Trustees Brady and Hooper**, along with **VPs Harker and Brown**, **Rick McCormac**, and local Home Builders Association **President Mann** joined me and State Board Member **Ann Whitford** in meetings with **Senator Sanderson** and **Representative Celeste Cairns** to talk about Propel NC and Carteret CC's Workforce Development Center. **Trustees Langston and Congleton** joined us for the NCACCT Legislative-Law Seminar. Thank you to all who represented Carteret CC and helped to tell our story on a statewide stage.

The mobile units at the **Newport Corrections Center** passed inspection on April 1 (no joke). We have 22 justice-involved individuals enrolled in Masonry and Horticulture at that location, as well as numerous students pursuing their high school equivalency.

Thank you to our grants coordinator **Brandi McCullough** for her work on the Cannon Foundation grant that brought \$100,000 to our One Door renovation project. Thanks also to **Cindi Goodwin** for her leadership in the planning meetings for the **Workforce Development Center**. We are making progress on the design phase for that project and look forward to having preliminary drawings to the Buildings & Grounds Committee in the next week or so.

The annual **Scholarship Luncheon** on March 26 brought together scholarship donors and recipients to spotlight the significance of scholarships on student success. Thank you to student speakers **Carly Jo Bolster**, **Princess Carr**, and **Micah Mason** for sharing their stories of perseverance and hope in the face of adversity. We are proud of all of our students and grateful for scholarship donors for investing in the future of our students and community.

TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Perry Harker
DATE: 3/28/25
SUBJECT: Workforce and Continuing Education April Board Report

College and Career Readiness submitted the required four-year WIOA Title II Grant Application for 2025-2029. This grant projects our budget needs over a four-year period.

College and Career Readiness is starting a High School Equivalency (GED) class at Hope Mission in early April. This class will be taught on-site for residents and clients of Hope Mission.

To assist students in preparing for the math portion of the GED exam, we have introduced “Math Blast” classes, which provide additional instruction and tutoring in math.

College and Career Readiness Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 4 p.m. at the Crystal Coast Civic Center. We will celebrate students who have completed their Adult High School Diploma or High School Equivalency (formerly known as the GED) Diploma. Please join us for this fantastic event.

We are scheduling training with our local law enforcement agencies to complete the 2025 mandatory in-service training requirements.

In late March, the Sheriff’s Training and Standards was on campus to administer the DOCC state exam and complete an audit of our program. All students passed, and the audit passed with no exceptions.

In our EMS program, fifteen Basic EMT students are scheduled to complete their certification in late May and be ready to enter the workforce. Additionally, seven paramedic students are graduating from the Paramedic program in May.

The Life Enrichment program has added several classes, Art classes, Native Gardening, Guitar, and Fundraising for non-profits.

The Commercial Fishing Academy was a success with thirteen students in attendance. We are excited to offer this training locally.

We met recently with East Carteret High School leadership and have scheduled a CNA I class at ECHS to begin in the fall. The class will meet from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The class will be open to adult learners and high school students who qualify (must be 16 ½ years old). We are exploring the opportunity to offer the class during the school day, hopefully by the spring semester of 2026.

The reentry program continues to complete intakes for clients who are justice-impacted and have a history of substance use. The Reentry Coordinator has attended reentry council meetings and the Community Health Advisory Team (CHAT). We participated in the Driver’s Restoration Clinic to gather information for justice-impacted individuals seeking to restore their driver’s licenses.



The college will have an informational booth at the Carteret County Chamber's Business Expo, scheduled for mid-April.

The Eastern Carolina Job Fair was held March 6, 2025, at the Crystal Coast Civic Center. We had over three hundred people participate in this event. The committee will meet on March 25 to share feedback for next year's event.

The Big Rock/NCWorks Career Center hosted two hiring events in March: the Morehead City Marlins Hiring Event on March 12, 2025, and a second NC Ferry System Hiring Event was held on March 19.

We continue on-site customized training at Veneer Technologies. Employees are engaged in learning and applying skills related to the lean production process. They are currently enrolled in Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt training and will begin OSHA 10 certification later this month.

We are finalizing the additions to the bathroom for the new classrooms at Carteret Correctional Facility. We are already using the classrooms with a temporary bathroom, with a total of twenty-two students enrolled in Horticulture and Brick Masonry.

TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Maggie Brown, Vice President of Instruction and Student Support
DATE: 03/31/25
SUBJECT: Board of Trustee 04/09/2025 Meeting

- On April 8th, Arts and Science and Admissions will host our 3rd annual Sci Fest from 5-7 PM Bryant 2nd floor. This is an interactive evening will STEM projects perfect for budding young scientists.
- The annual Carteret CC Celebration of the Arts will be April 28th-May 2nd.
 - Opening reception - April 28th - 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Exhibition open daily - April 28th to may 2nd
 - Ceramicist - Artist Talk
Indiana university east professor, Carrie Longley
April 29th - 6:00pm to 7:00pm
 - Photographer - Artist Talk
Jim Loring
April 30th - 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Dean of Health Sciences and Spa Services, Laurie Freshwater has been asked to serve on the new NCCCS Credit for Prior Learning Academic Policy and Procedure committee. This committee's primary set of responsibilities will be to discuss and make recommendations on changes to the State Board code, the Curriculum Procedures document, and other governance or procedural materials. Their goal will be to ensure that our regulations and guidelines provide expanded opportunities for students, flexibility and guidance for colleges, and ensure compliance with various governing bodies.
- Our Horticulture students competed in March in the National Collegiate Landscape Competition which is an annual event that brings together students from colleges and universities across the country to compete in various landscape-related events. These events test students' skills in areas such as landscape design, plant identification, irrigation techniques, and more. The competition is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their talents, network with industry professionals, and gain valuable hands-on experience.
Out of 54 teams, including many 4-year universities, our college finished in 43rd place.
Additionally, one of our students achieved an outstanding individual performance, finishing 21st out of 727 contestants. This is a significant accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and faculty. This was an outstanding commitment by our Horticulture Lead Instructor, Nathan Beasley.
- Carteret CC participated in March in several SkillsUSA North Carolina competitions. Our First-Place winners will go on to compete at the national level in Atlanta this summer. Our incredibly dedicated faculty have been working outside of class with our students, and their dedication to our students' excellence was well-rewarded!
North Carolina State Champions



1st Place – Baking & Pastry: Faith Williams
2nd Place – Baking & Pastry: Amelia Swacha
1st Place – Culinary Arts: Bree Turbeville

2nd Place – Culinary Arts: Trevor Torrence
1st Place – Mobile Electronics Installation: Ryan Foreman

- Our Aquaculture program was highlighted during the North Carolina Aquaculture Development Conference March 27-28 at the Civic Center. The Conference drew over 200 attendees. Our faculty and staff gave several lectures and demonstrations including
 - Shellfish - Bryan Snyder
 - Live Feeds - Bryan Snyder & Todd Gardner
 - Marine Ornamental Production - Todd Gardner
 - Coral Aquaculture - Tyler Gibson
 - Recirculating Aquaculture Systems - Dave Cerino
 - Water Quality - Katie Stasser

- As April arrives, our thoughts turn to graduation! We have several ceremonies to celebrate:
 - BLET Graduation, 4/29, 6pm, Joslyn Hall
 - Culinary, Baking and Pastry, Hospitality White Coat Ceremony, 5/06, 6pm, Joslyn Hall
 - CNA Pinning, 5/07, 12pm, Joslyn Hall
 - Respiratory Therapy Pinning, 5/07, 6pm, Joslyn Hall
 - Radiography Pinning, 5/08, 1:30pm, Joslyn Hall
 - Carteret CC Awards Night, 5/08, 6pm, Civic Center
 - Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 5/09, 10am, Joslyn Hall
 - Carteret CC Graduation, 5/09, 4pm, Civic Center

TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Scott Lane, Vice President of Finance & Administrative Services
DATE: April 1, 2025
SUBJECT: Board of Trustees April 9, 2025 Meeting

Finance & Administration Highlights

- Budgets are in good shape after $\frac{3}{4}$ of the fiscal year being complete. Over next few weeks, will be identifying funds needed to meet expenses over last 3 months of fiscal year to start preparing for the end of the fiscal year.
- Richard Abell worked with Merianne Grigoriuc (Director of Counseling, Disability Services, and Retention) to identify Lactation Rooms across campus. Richard brought in Building Captains to help identify rooms with Building Captains assisting those who need access to those rooms.
- F&A staff went above and beyond in helping to secure transportation for our student groups, due to the College's 15-passenger van going out of commission due to engine failure.
- Brandi McCullough, Grants Coordinator, worked in depth with College & Career Readiness Staff (Chris Matthews & Lori Vinskus) in preparing the application for the WIOA Title II Adult Education & Federal Literacy Act funding. Securing this funding would allow the College to continue its Adult High School and Prison education programs for the next 5 years. Excellent work in creating the narratives for the application was done by all involved.

Budget/Expenditure Update

Carteret Community College Summary of Expenditures												
	State			County			Institutional			TOTALS		
	Annual	Y-T-D	% of	Annual	Y-T-D	% of	Annual	Y-T-D	% of	Annual	Y-T-D	% of
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Annual Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget
1XX Institutional Support	\$ 3,593,168	\$ 2,620,380	72.9%	\$ 462,820	\$ 586,449	126.7%	\$ 260,236.91	\$ 142,386.00	54.7%	\$ 4,316,225	\$ 3,349,215	77.6%
2XX Curriculum Instruction	7,729,336	5,516,984	71.4%	-	-	0.0%	547,973	817,057	149.1%	8,277,309	6,334,041	76.5%
3XX Continuing Education	2,606,543	1,617,911	62.1%	-	-	0.0%	309,963	158,593	51.2%	2,916,506	1,776,505	60.9%
4XX Academic Support	1,288,156	914,387	71.0%	-	-	0.0%	317,763	416,590	131.1%	1,605,919	1,330,977	82.9%
5XX Student Support	1,259,105	883,848	70.2%	-	-	0.0%	1,063,095	549,443	51.7%	2,322,200	1,433,291	61.7%
6XX Plant Operations & Maint.	-	-	0.0%	2,952,180	2,151,668	72.9%	26,601	2,803	10.5%	2,978,781	2,154,470	72.3%
7XX Proprietary/Other	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	135,847	134,831	99.3%	135,847	134,831	99.3%
8XX Student Aid	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	3,800,000	3,833,184	100.9%	3,800,000	3,833,184	100.9%
9XX Capital Outlay	1,048,961	525,156	50.1%	2,528,190	1,010,899	40.0%	6,428,328	123,127	1.9%	10,005,479	1,659,182	16.6%
TOTALS	\$17,525,269	\$12,078,667	68.9%	\$ 5,943,190	\$ 3,749,016	63.1%	\$ 12,889,807	\$ 6,178,013	47.9%	\$36,358,266	\$22,005,696	60.5%



Financial Services

Bank Reconciliation Status Report									
	CORE BANKING			UNITED / TRUIST			FIRST CITIZENS		
	State Funds			Institutional Funds			County Funds		
	Received	Reconciled	Balance	Received	Reconciled	Balance	Received	Reconciled	Balance
Jul-24	08/01/24	08/08/24	\$ 337,991.44	08/01/24	08/09/24	\$ 3,739,361.74	08/01/24	08/09/24	\$ 813,441.93
Aug-24	09/03/24	09/03/24	\$ 186,795.26	09/03/24	09/13/24	\$ 3,532,454.80	09/03/24	09/03/24	\$ 509,315.84
Sep-24	10/01/24	10/02/24	\$ 115,494.57	10/01/24	10/03/24	\$ 3,928,547.28	10/01/24	10/01/24	\$ 317,512.69
Oct-24	11/04/24	11/05/24	\$ 348,195.80	11/01/24	11/06/24	\$ 3,599,188.14	11/04/24	11/05/24	\$ 703,601.67
Nov-24	12/02/24	12/03/24	\$ 179,948.36	12/02/24	12/04/24	\$ 3,316,526.16	12/02/24	12/02/24	\$ 597,338.01
Dec-24	01/02/25	01/02/25	\$ 482,201.34	01/02/25	01/03/25	\$ 3,685,498.27	01/02/25	01/02/25	\$ 191,736.22
Jan-25	02/01/25	02/03/25	\$ 529,461.28	02/01/25	2/4/2025	\$ 4,106,027.60	02/01/25	02/04/25	\$ 572,487.27
Feb-25	03/01/25	03/04/25	\$ 312,588.51	03/01/25	3/5/2025	\$ 4,219,884.57	03/01/25	03/05/25	\$ 284,238.09

Emergency Preparedness and Security

- Meetings Attended
 - Awards and Graduation Meeting
 - Celebration on the Sound Meeting
 - Staff Executive Meeting
 - Building Captains Meeting
 - All Employee Meeting
- Other
 - Assisted with parking (school buses) for a number of school visitors to our campus
 - Assisted our I.T. Department with testing Alert System in the McGee and Foundation Buildings

Athletics

- Key personnel from the College that will be involved in the success of Athletics had a call with NJCAA administration on March 11. The purpose of the call was to allow NJCAA administration to perform its due diligence by asking questions and engaging in discussion with the College to make sure Carteret CC is prepared to launch an Athletics program. The personnel from the College that was on the call did an exceptional job of demonstrating the College's readiness, therefore allowing NJCAA administrator's to confidently recommend Carteret CC for membership to the NJCAA Board of Regents. The membership vote by the Board of Regents will occur in mid-April.
- Ongoing conversations are occurring between Morehead City and the College regarding the use of facilities to serve as the home venue for baseball and women's soccer.
- Framework is being developed for the athletics program, along with launch and fundraising plans.

Grants

Carteret CC's Grants Management Office Report* - April 2025						
Funding Agency	Purpose	Amount Requested	Awarded	Not Awarded	New Prospect and/or Award	College Division
Department of Education Student Support Services Grant**	TRIO Program	\$1,532,570	Award Notice - June		N	Instruction & Student Support
USDA - Natl. Inst. Food & Ag.	"Workforce Training Academies for Aquaculture & Horticulture @ Carteret CC"	\$649,886	Award Notice - TBD		N	Instruction & Student Support
STEMEast Network	MLK "Legacy of Learning" Daycamp	\$1,500	\$1,500		N	Marketing & Public Information
Norfolk Southern Corporate Giving Division	"Backing the Blue: Strengthening Carteret County's Law Enforcement Training"	\$50,000		\$50,000	Y	Instruction & Student Support
Duke Energy Foundation	"Outfitting Automotive Systems Technology"	\$25,000	\$25,000		N	Instruction & Student Support
Golden LEAF Foundation	"Carteret Works"	\$297,860	\$297,860		N	Workforce & Continuing Education
National Rifle Association	"Backing the Blue: Strengthening Carteret County's Law Enforcement Training"	In-Kind Equipment	Y		Y	Instruction & Student Support
Dreyfus Foundation	"One Door to Better Serve & Empower Our Students"	\$20,000	Award Notice - April		N	Operations & Facilities
Southern SARE (Sustainable Ag. Research & Education)	"Expanding Awareness & Participation in the Eastern NC Aquaculture Industry"	\$89,285	\$89,285		N	Instruction & Student Support
Centene Foundation	"One Door to Better Serve & Empower Our Students"	\$100,000		\$100,000	Y	Operations & Facilities
Truist Foundation	"One Door to Better Serve & Empower Our Students"	\$100,000	Award Notice - April		Y	Operations & Facilities
Canon Foundation	"One Door to Better Serve & Empower Our Students"	\$100,000	\$100,000		N	Operations & Facilities
NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation	"Heath Heroes Camps"	\$50,000	\$50,000		Y	Marketing & Public Information
Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation	"Supporting Carteret's Hometown Heroes: Uppitting Fire Equipment to Save Lives"	\$27,927	Award Notice - April		Y	Workforce & Continuing Education
NC State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	"Securing the Future: Cybersecurity Program Modernization @ Carteret CC"	\$237,445	Award Notice - September		N	Information Technology
Sea Grant Community Collaborative	"Developing Plankton Harvest"	\$24,977	Award Notice - TBD		N	Instruction & Student Support
Sea Grant Aquaculture Legal, Regulatory & Policy Grant	"Compliance Software App for Oyster Farmers"	\$176,498	Award Notice - TBD		N	Instruction & Student Support
Sea Grant Aquaculture Internships	"North Carolina Aquaculture Industry Engaged Partnerships"	\$251,024	Award Notice - TBD		N	Instruction & Student Support
Alliance for Full Acceptance	"Embracing Full Acceptance @ the Rainbow Gala"	\$4,000	\$4,000		N	Instruction & Student Support
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	"Breaking the Cycle: Supporting GED Exam Preparation for Incarcerated Students"	\$10,000	Award Notice - May		N	Workforce & Continuing Education
STEMEast Network	"Earth Day: Learn & Play" & "STEM Day" Daycamp	\$1,500	Award Notice - TBD		N	Marketing & Public Information
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Title II - Adult Education & Family Literacy Act (225)	Career & College Readiness Program	\$89,105	Award Notice - TBD		N	Workforce & Continuing Education
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Title II - Adult Education & Family Literacy Act (231)	Career & College Readiness Program	\$563,478	Award Notice - TBD		N	Workforce & Continuing Education
Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary Club	Carteret CC Marine Propulsion Systems Equipment	\$3,600	Award Notice - TBD		N	Instruction & Student Support
Totals		\$4,405,655	\$567,645	\$150,000	25% New	

*Letters of Intent excluded to reduce inflated figures. Award notice timeframes are tentative. Federal grant submissions & awards in flux for unforeseeable future.

**TRIO submission during previous Grants Coordinator's tenure.

Current Funding Priorities*	Grants Performance Indicators
"One Door to Better Serve & Empower Our Students" (McGee Renovation)	Total submissions (incl. TRIO & Aquaculture) = \$4,405,655
Workforce Center for Construction & Transportation Trades Bldg. Equipment (WCCTT)	Submissions less TRIO & Aquaculture = \$1,681,415
"All Things Boat" (National Science Foundation - Advanced Technological Education)	Awards / Submissions = \$478,360 / \$1,681,415 = 0.284
*This list is not all-encompassing, however, these projects are the primary ones for which funding prospects are being pursued.	Carteret CC Grants Award Rate = 28%
Grants' Office Primary Goal	National Avg. Award Rate = 10-30%
Systematically & aggressively research prospects & secure funding for prioritized projects @ Carteret CC	

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TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Cindi Goodwin Sr. Director, Operations and Facilities
DATE: March 26, 2025
SUBJECT: Board of Trustee Meeting April, 2025, Facility and Operations Updates

- Workforce Center for Construction Trades and Transportation Technology:
 - Schematic Design in progress.
 - Site plan review in progress.
 - Met with occupants to review first draft of floor plan and gave feedback for necessary amendments.

- Carteret CC One-Door (McGee Building):
 - All demo completed
 - Framing of new walls has started
 - All plumbing rough-in is complete

- Renovations:
 - Wayne West – summer paint project to refresh classrooms – pending start
 - Howard Building – replacement of windows- COMPLETE
 - MARTEC Hvac renovation – in progress
 - Bryant Center – renumbering to new sign standards -COMPLETE
 - Bryant Center – upgrade Veteran Services room -new furniture and paint – COMPLETE
 - S2 door automation – Smith Building – install currently in progress
 - Miscellaneous Roof repairs – all buildings – still in progress
 - Modular Buildings –
 - Carteret Correctional – Calling for final inspection the first of April
 - Fire Station 2 -Crystal Coast Fire Academy classroom – walls are completed, ramp installed, final electrical and plumbing in progress.

- O&F Team:
 - O&F has one opening for maintenance staff – review and interviews are complete and recommendations for hire have been submitted.
 - O&F staff are preparing request for County Budget.

Thank you,

Cindi Goodwin

TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Brenda Reash, Executive Director Foundation
DATE: March 31, 2025
SUBJECT: Board of Trustee April 9, 2025, Meeting Date

Fundraising and Donation & Resale Program Revenue:

As of the current date, the fundraising and Donation & Resale Program revenue for the current fiscal year amounts to \$317,142, Annual Fund \$44,824.

Endowment Funding:

Current endowment funding growth is \$388,579 to-date in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Community Relationships and Current Activities:

This section outlines the key activities and engagements of the Executive Director and staff members, demonstrating their commitment to organizational initiatives and community partnerships.

- Hosted 59 guests at the Fort Macon Lecture on February 28th.
- Hosted over 50 guests as part of the Breakfast of Champions on March 6th.
- Hosted 96 guests for the annual Scholarship Donor & Recipient Luncheon on March 26th.
- Executive Director and the Event & Communications Coordinator are participating in the College's Strategic Planning meetings.
- Foundation is sponsoring a table at each culinary lunch inviting donors and sponsors to attend.
- Foundation staff helped the Culinary Program during SkillsUSA State Competition (check-in).

UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES TO BE WITH DONORS

Save the date or purchase tickets for the following coming up later this spring:

- April 12th – Bird Bam Brunch: Mah Jongg Social Play Tickets: [Bird Bam Brunch: Mah Jongg Social Play](#) April 11th – Beginner Mah Jongg class.
- April 25th – Celebration on the Sound: [Jefferson Starship 50th Anniversary Tour at Celebration on the Sound Tickets, Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- Annual Spanish & King Mackerel Fishing Tournament: July 18 – 25, 2025



TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Amanda Bryant, HR Director
DATE: March 31, 2025
SUBJECT: Board of Trustee April 2025 Meeting

Recruiting/Hiring*

Position	Replacing	Status
Chair, English & Communications	Former Science Chair	Posting closes 4/6
Instructor, Biology (10-month)	Former English position	Posting closes 4/3
Instructor, Info Technology	Ken Martin (12/31/24)	Interviews 3/25 & 26; 2 nd interview pending
Maintenance Technician	Todd Foster	Interviews 3/25 & 26; 2 nd interview pending
Education Navigator	New (grant)	Interviews pending
Director, Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs	Brenda Long	1 st Interview 3/26; 2 nd interview 3/31
Instructor, Cosmetology (12-mths)	New	Interviews 3/26; 2 nd interview pending
WIOA Youth Career Advisor	Sharon King	Posting closes 4/3
Chair, Welding	Keenan Lawrence	Posting closed 3/31; interviews pending
Coordinator, Carteret Works	New grant funded	Awaiting PRF
Director, Dental Assisting	New	Pending location arrangements

*Excludes Adjunct part-time, temporary job postings

Turnover Data:

Fiscal Year	FY2025	FY2024	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018
New Permanent Hires	21	28	22	28	26	17	27	5
Internal Transfer/Promo	11	7	7	6	7	7	1	6
Total Hires	32	35	29	34	33	24	28	11
Retirement	7	9	7	11	9	4	2	4
Resignation	10	11	13	13	9	12	14	5
Involuntary resignation	2	3	2	3	6	2	3	1
Total Terms	19	23	22	27	24	18	19	10

Employee Headcount and Turnover

March Headcount		March Turnover	FY25 YTD Turnover	Historical Turnover
F/T Perm Faculty	66	0%	11.23%	FY24: 13.71%
F/T Perm Staff	104			FY23: 13.11%
P/T Perm Faculty	0			FY22: 16.36%
P/T Perm Staff	1			FY21: 13.35%
Total Perm	171			FY20: 8.48%
Total Payroll	350			FY19: 10.66%

Recent Employee Departures

Position	Name	Date
None		

TO: Carteret Community College Board of Trustees

FROM: Jennifer Maldonado-Castro

DATE: 03/31/2025

SUBJECT: Board of Trustee 04/04/2025 Meeting

- **Spring Fling Success:** Our Spring Fling on March 12th was a resounding success! With over 25 student activities, campus resources, and transfer tables, this Mardi Gras-themed event brought together not just our students, but faculty, staff, and community members as well.
 - Culinary students served hot food, baking and pastry students prepared sweet treats for our cake walk, and the campus was filled with energy and celebration. Thank you to the Board members who joined us—your presence made it even more meaningful.
- **Creative Campus Events & Wellness Opportunities:** we hosted a Make-and-Take event where students tie-dyed tote bags, trucker hats, and even brought their own shirts to customize. These creative outlets continue to be a hit.
 - Our Video Game Days and Sports Center partnerships also continued this month, giving students space to unwind, stay active, and build community. By simply showing their student IDs, students could access the pool and basketball court on designated days—a benefit we're proud to promote.
- **N4CSGA Spring Conference:** Carteret CC's SGA delegation proudly attended the N4CSGA Spring Conference in Raleigh, where we joined student leaders, alumni, presidents, and esteemed guests from across North Carolina Community Colleges for a weekend of workshops, collaboration, and leadership development. The experience was both energizing and inspiring, allowing us to exchange ideas and return to campus with new tools to better serve our peers.
 - A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Mancini for traveling to Raleigh and attending the Celebration Dinner with our delegation—your support and presence truly meant the world to us.
 - I'm also deeply honored to share that I received the Governor Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award, a moment I will carry with me always. This recognition is not just personal—it represents the collective strength, opportunity, and encouragement found here at Carteret CC.
- **Strategic Planning Involvement:** In addition to SGA responsibilities, I've had the privilege of serving as a co-lead in Carteret CC's strategic planning student forced group. Being a student voice in those spaces has been meaningful and empowering. The student focus group which is made up of leadership from around campus was full of energy, passion, and ideas. I am eager to see these ideas develop and transform into tangible initiatives that will serve this campus for the years to come.
- **Community College Legislative Assembly:** Next, Carteret CC's student delegation is preparing to attend the Community College Legislative Assembly (CCLA) in April. This statewide event offers students a unique opportunity to engage with North Carolina government officials, NCCCS administrators, community college presidents, and trustees during one of the most anticipated portions of the conference—Town Hall.



- From visiting the General Assembly to discussing current legislation, CCLA allows students to gain a deeper understanding of the legislative process and advocate directly for the needs of their peers. We're proud to represent Carteret CC at this impactful event and look forward to bringing those experiences back to campus.
- **Earth Day Celebration:** SGA is excited to take part in Carteret CC's upcoming Earth Day Celebration on April 22nd, where we'll be contributing energy, positivity, and interactive activities to help highlight the importance of environmental awareness and sustainability. This event gives students a chance to engage with eco-friendly initiatives, local organizations, and each other in a fun and meaningful way. We're looking forward to celebrating our beautiful coastal community and encouraging everyone to do their part in protecting it.
 - Thank you to the Energy and Conservation Committee for their continued efforts in promoting sustainability on campus and for helping make the Earth Day Celebration a meaningful and engaging experience for our students.
- **End-of-Semester Luau:** To help students wrap up the semester on a high note, SGA is planning a festive End-of-Semester celebration. This event will offer students a chance to relax, recharge, and celebrate all they've accomplished before heading into finals and summer break or summer semester. With tropical-themed games, music, treats, and a vibrant atmosphere, we're excited to give students one last joyful experience together before the academic year closes.
- **Passing the Torch:** We are currently in the **SGA election process**! It's been amazing to watch these students grow into confident leaders and connect with our campus in such a marvelous way. I'm incredibly excited for the future of SGA.

Here are the students who have submitted their intent to run:

- **Kenyia Dillion**, running for Secretary – *Associate in Fine Arts*
- **Anthony Pritchard**, running for Secretary – *Aquaculture*
- **Princess Carr**, running for Vice President – *Culinary Arts/Baking and Pastry Arts*
- **Noah Thammavongsa**, running for Vice President – *Associate in Science*
- **Marley Ward**, running for President – *Associate in Arts*

Marley Ward wanted to share the following message with the Board:

"My main goal for the role of SGA President is to involve myself in the community as much as I can. Whether it's what events they want to see or how they could get more involved, I'll be hearing what students have to say about their wants and needs and doing my best to be a messenger for them."

Her plans include transferring to a university to major in psychology and eventually becoming a psychiatrist.

Inviting them to the board meeting is a valuable opportunity for them to see what leadership in SGA looks like beyond the fun events—and how their contributions help move our college forward in meaningful ways.

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